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# Herbert Hoover Wants U.S. To Defend Taiwan

## USE NAVAL POWER, IF NECESSARY

## Situation Is "Urgent Now"

**Washington, Jan. 2.—Mr Herbert Hoover, former United States President, today urged that the United States should defend Formosa and raise "a wall against Communism in the Pacific."**

**He made his recommendation in a letter to Senator William F. Knowland, Republican, leader of a Congressional bloc urging full American support for the Chinese Nationalists to halt Communism in China.**

He said he believed strongly that the United States should use her naval power, if necessary, to safeguard Formosa, the Pescadores islands, between Formosa and the Chinese mainland, and possibly Hainan Island, off the South China coast.

America should also refuse recognition of the Chinese Communists and continue recognition and support of the Nationalists. His proposals should be followed to prevent Chinese Legations and Consulates in the United States and other countries becoming "nests of Communist conspiracies," and to prevent a Communist China becoming a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, Mr Hoover said.

Mr Hoover's letter was in answer to Senator Knowland's request for his views on the China situation.

Senator Knowland, releasing the letter, told reporters that the State Department had failed to give the press and public all the facts about the Formosa situation. He said that the Nationalist Government had already made an official request for American military aid and advice in defending Formosa.

He said that next month's meeting of the American Joint Chiefs of Staff and General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander in Japan, when America's Far East policy is expected to be reviewed, "might result in a post-mortem rather than a consultation to help the patient".

### "SICK PATIENT"

The China and Formosa situation was "urgent now", he said.

"The patient is sick and needs oxygen and penicillin", he added.

The latest unconfirmed report amid a flood of rumours and speculation, is one quoting official sources as saying that a proposal had been submitted to Mr Truman under which America would supply arms to the Chinese Nationalists in the island of Formosa in exchange for American bases there.

But the most responsible of observers here thought that there would be no sudden, dramatic change in American policy on the general China question.

Efforts to trace the originating source of the proposal failed.

Senator Knowland said that he had not heard of this plan until he read a press report. He could see no reason why the United States should ask for bases in return for aid as the Chinese Nationalists were entitled to military help on the same basis as the North Atlantic Pact countries.

The Knowland bloc has its own "formula" for Formosa under which the United States would join Nationalist occupation authorities and forces there.

They want Formosa to be safeguarded for use as part of the line for continental American defence.

### IMPORTANT FACTOR

The important factor overlooked in most speculations about United States action is the cost.

Facing an economic-minded Congress intent on drastic cuts in foreign aid the Administration is unlikely to rush into any plan calling for substantial increases in mitiary expenditure and economic support.

Even the spokesman for a Formosa joint occupation admit that cost is a factor requiring the closest examination.

Mr Knowland tonight challenged a statement by the State Department's press officer, Mr Michael McDermott, that "no formal request" had been made for the United States to send advisers to Formosa.

Mr McDermott had said he knew of no such request though there had been "approaches" from various sources".

Mr Knowland said that this was an "inaccurate statement" and claimed an official Nationalist request was made on or about December 23.

Democratic leaders in the Senate declined to make any immediate comment on Mr Hoover's letter.—Reuter.

### BRITISH ATTITUDE

London, Jan. 2.—Britain's decision to recognise the Chinese Communist Government has remained unaffected by the recent press discussion of increased American aid for the Chinese Nationalists in Taiwan, it was learned authoritatively today.

British recognition before the end of this week is now forecast in usually well-informed quarters.

While no one in London seems quite clear whether the many press reports from Washington last weekend of greater American support for the Nationalists in Taiwan resulted from an indirect leak or were intended to test opinion, officials here continue to insist that they know of no change in the American policy.

Observers here tend to draw the conclusion that, however large or small the American help for the defence of Taiwan may be expected to be, the administrations in London and Washington intend to prevent an appearance of Anglo-American tension.

American aid for the Nationalists will be discreet rather than sensational and will be the natural consequence of continued recognition by Washington of the Chiang Kai-shek Government.

### NOTHING AWKWARD

It is taken for granted here that there will be no awkward situation such as would result from an extreme move like an American occupation of Taiwan at the moment of the British recognition of the Peking Communist Government.

The Chinese Nationalists are in any case still in a position to draw very considerable military supplies from the United States under aid already granted.

It is also noted here that the State Department has not denied that unofficially the Administration has been asked to supply advisers for Taiwan.

The impression remains that in the course of this week the British and American policy towards China will diverge, as Britain extends recognition to the Communists, but that the divergence will be reluctantly tolerated by both Governments which will each seek to minimise any impression of tension.—Reuter.

## Tramway Dispute Latest

### Statement Made By Official

The Tramway Company has acknowledged receipt of the latest letter from their "locked-out" workers, but considers it contains nothing new and that the situation is as before.

Mr S. C. Johnston, assistant manager, disclosed this to the Telegraph this morning, when he added that while he would report the letter to the Chairman of the Board of Directors, it was not proposed to call any meeting to consider it.

Referring to the workers' suggestion that the dispute should go before a mediator, Mr Johnston said that the Company had already indicated its willingness to submit the case to an arbitration board and it stood by that offer.

### IRRECONCILABLE

Regarding the proposal that there should be further meetings between the workers and management, Mr Johnston said they had already had several meetings and it seemed clear that their viewpoints could not be reconciled.

As for the proposition that the dismissal notices served by the Company should be rescinded, Mr Johnston pointed out that every man, whether dismissed or not was invited to apply for reappointment.

"We hope that ultimately sufficient numbers will apply and thus enable us to resume the service."

But, Mr Johnston added, so far not a single application for reinstatement had been made, nor had any man turned in his uniform.

Mr Johnston said that it was not intended to try and operate a service while the situation remained as it is today, but ultimately the Company may consider advertising for workers to enable resumption of the tram service.

He said that it took from a week to ten days to train drivers and conductors in their duties.

## *Miners Pass Target*

**London, Jan. 2.—Britain's deep mined coal target for 1949 of 202,000,000 tons has been passed, Mr Hugh Gaitskell, the Minister of Fuel and Power, disclosed tonight in a New Year message to the coal industry.**

**This had been done, he said, in spite of a 16,000 drop in the number of miners.**

**Mr Gaitskell did not give the exact figure. The target of 215 million tons for both deep mined and open cast coal (found near the surface) was also expected to be passed.—Reuter.**

## Cat Burglar Raids City Offices

A cat burglar who broke into the premises of Anderson Meyer and Co. Ltd. and Wellcome Co. Ltd. in David House, Pottinger Street escaped with HK$1,000 in currency and goods and clothing worth about $1,000.

He is thought to have scaled a drainpipe on the night of January 1 to get him to Anderson Meyer's first floor offices. He then broke open a door and then made forced nine desks and filled his pockets with foreign pens and other small articles.

From Anderson Meyer's the thief went down to the ground floor premises of the Wellcome Co. and stole HK$1,000 and clothing valued at $900.

What baffles employees is how the burglar "spirited" himself through or over a 13 foot iron gate sealing the lane beside David House from Pottinger Street. He made his escape from the lane.

Police are investigating.

## CHOW FOR PICKETS

**It was chow-time for the Tramway workers' pickets when our staff photographer took this picture during the New Year holidays. The men have been daily picketing the Tramways depot to prevent any of the trams from being operated during the current "lock-out."**

## AIRSTRIP BUILT IN HALF-HOUR

**Sydney, Jan. 2.—Four men with earth-moving machinery built an airstrip in half an hour so that a flying doctor could pick up a patient.**

**The airstrip was 800 yards long and 40 yards wide.**

**Dr L. W. Alderman, Broken Hill flying doctor, received a radioed request to fly out to a tank-sinking plant at Mundal Plains where one of the workmen was ill.**

**Dr Alderman said he needed a landing field.**

**A promise by the owner of the tank-sinking plant to build a strip in half an hour was kept. Dr Alderman picked up the patient and took him to Broken Hill hospital.—Reuter.**

## NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR

London, Jan. 2.—Mr Derwest William Kermode, former British Consul in Japan, has been appointed the first British Ambassador to the United States of Indonesia, the Foreign Office announced tonight.

The announcement said that the King had approved the establishment of an Embassy at Djakarta (Batavia) following the transfer of sovereignty in Indonesia.

Mr Kermode, who is 51, has served at Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Mukden and Seoul (South Korea). In 1944 he was transferred to the Foreign Office and is now in London.—Reuter.

## HOLIDAYS TOLL

Chicago, Jan. 2.—The Americans' New Year holiday weekend cost 281 people their lives in accidents and fires.

Traffic accidents claimed 180 victims. Forty people died in fires and 61 in other accidents.—Reuter.

## Gen. Donovan On Way To Hongkong

Manila, Jan. 3.—Maj-General William "Wild Bill" Donovan (retired), the famous chief of the U.S. Army's Office of Strategic Services in World War II, arrived in Manila by plane today en route to Hongkong on what was believed to be an important official mission.

General Donovan said his visit to Hongkong "is in the interest of the American people and democracy," but he declined to reveal details.

However, a press report quoted him as saying the China situation was not yet hopeless because China had not yet fought and lost a decisive battle against her enemy.

There was speculation here that whatever action the United States might take in the immediate future regarding the China situation would depend on General Donovan's report upon his return to Washington.—United Press.

## Attlee Cuts Short Holiday

### Starts Wave Of Election Speculation

**London, Jan. 2.—The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee cut short his winter vacation and returned to 10, Downing Street on Monday amid mounting speculation that he would set the date for the General Election within the next two weeks. Political observers here said he would announce within the next ten days just when he planned the election, and predicted it would be early this year.**

Election-date speculation was heightened by the elevation of five Labour members of Parliament to the peerage in the New Year's Honours. This necessitates five by-elections plus another, caused by the resignation of Mr Jack Lawton, M.P. for Chester.

There was considerable speculation that Mr Attlee would dispose of the by-elections by calling an early General Election. The General Election must be called sometime between now and mid-August.

Informed quarters said that Mr Attlee's definite decision would undoubtedly be strongly influenced by his scheduled conference with the Lord President of the Council, Mr Herbert Morrison, on Monday or Tuesday. Mr Morrison is regarded as the master strategist of the Labour Party. The government is keeping the Conservatives guessing about the election date, so that the Tories will remain in the dark as to when to spend their campaign funds and obtain a maximum General Election pay-off.

### TACTICAL DISSOLUTION

Most Conservative newspapers agreed that the Honours List published on Sunday, read rather like a tactical dissolution of Parliament, in which Government members of Parliament are "promoted" to the Lords. As another indication of an early General Election, they pointed to Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin's cancellation of his planned visit to India after the Commonwealth foreign ministers conference at Colombo, Ceylon.

Mr Bevin was invited to India personally by Mr Nehru, but cancelled his plans at the last minute. Tories claimed he will be rushing back to London so that he can participate in pre-election strategy talks with top leaders of the Labour Party, and in the powerful eight million-strong Trade Union Council.

Alone among Britain's national newspapers, the Labourite Daily Herald did not speculate on an early election date. The Herald pointed out, however, that the upcoming by-elections would be regarded as a "General Election in miniature."

Both Mr Attlee and Mr Morrison will celebrate their birthdays on Tuesday. Mr Attlee will be 67, Mr Morrison 62.—United Press.

### RED CANDIDATES

London, Jan. 2.—The British Communist Party hopes to have 100 candidates in the forthcoming general election, a Party official stated today.

Mr W. Brooks, National Secretary of the Young Communist League, who is to oppose Mr Winston Churchill at Woodford, Essex, said that so far 98 had been listed.—Reuter.

## *Crucial Egyptian Election*

**Cairo, Jan. 2.—Police will stand by from dawn tomorrow to keep order as 5,000,000 Egyptians go to the polls to elect a new and bigger Chamber of Deputies in probably the most crucial election in recent years.**

Independent newspapers have been calling for official action to prevent electioneering violence after a bitterly fought campaign in which at least 10 people died in clashes.

The Prime Minister, Hussein Sirry Pasha's "Caretaker" Government increased the number of seats in the Chamber from 260 to 315 before 30-year-old King Farouk dissolved the old House on November 7, 1949.

This was because of Egypt's growing population.

Since the last election in January, 1945, two Prime Ministers have been assassinated — Dr Ahmed Maher, a month after the elections, and Mahmoud Nokrashy Pasha, Saadist Party leader, subsequently.

Egyptians will have a secret ballot but most of the voters—all men over 21—will have to be shown where to put their cross as they are illiterate. The Government has not granted votes to women in spite of an energetic campaign for equal voting rights for women.

Political observers forecast that the main contestants tomorrow would be the Wafdists and its off-shoot the Saadists named after Saad Zaghlul Pasha and known as the landlords and big business party.

Political parties in Egypt revolve around personalities.—Reuter.

## EDITORIAL

## Israel And Jerusalem

**AFTER deciding, mainly on grounds of sentiment, that Jerusalem and its environs must be made into a separate State under international control, the General Assembly of the United Nations recently handed the responsibility of carrying out the decision to the Trusteeship Council. The Council has spent an unhappy week contemplating its difficulties. Almost at once it was faced with the decision of the Israeli Government to transfer its capital to Jerusalem. Many members of the Council thought that the task of internationalising Jerusalem was impossible to execute against the opposition of Israel and Jordan, and they were not prepared to take a strong line in condemning Israel's decision, which clearly indicated a determination to resist the ruling of the Assembly. After merely asking Israel to give details of what she had done, and inviting her to abstain from anything that might hinder the execution of the Assembly's resolution, the Council adjourned until January 16. Although the Israeli Government was resolved to make good its claim to embody Jewish Jerusalem within the Jewish State, its decision to move the capital from Tel-Aviv on the Feast of Lights was less precipitate than is commonly supposed. Six departments of the administration had been in Jerusalem for some time, and the Government had only been waiting for suitable accommodation before increasing the number. It is still not clear how far the emotional claims of Jerusalem on the affections of the Jewish people will out-weigh the practical advantages of maintaining Tel-Aviv as the seat of government. Jerusalem is far from the sea, its communications are indifferent, and its capacity to meet the needs of a modern administration is limited. It is perhaps significant that the Prime Minister has so far resisted efforts to include in the constitution an article specifying that Jerusalem shall be the permanent capital of Israel. But so long as the threat of internationalisation remains imminent, the Israeli Government will no doubt be prepared to face the inconvenience of dividing the machinery of administration between Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv. Both Israel and Jordan have announced their willingness to enter on negotiations for a permanent peace. Neither has taken any step in this direction, but common opposition to the Assembly's decision to internationalise Jerusalem is drawing them together. Steady contact is being maintained between local officials on each side. There is a special committee dealing with difficulties arising from the division of Jerusalem; and a mixed tribal court has been set up to settle disputes between Beduin and other nomads who cross the frontier from either direction. Before long one State or the other will take the initiative in asking for peace talks. Since other Arab countries declined to support his stand over Jerusalem, King Abdullah has now less reason to avoid the responsibility of being the first Arab Ruler to make peace with the Jews. Israel may feel that the latest Syrian *coup d'etat* has dealt a further blow at Arab unity and increased the likelihood of a successful settlement with Jordan. It might seem worth her while to confirm the present division of Jerusalem and thus to make quite sure that King Abdullah stands firmly behind her in opposing any scheme for internationalisation that the Trusteeship Council may eventually put forward.**

## BIDAULT WINS VOTES OF CONFIDENCE

Paris, Jan. 2.—Premier Georges Bidault tonight blasted his way through three final confidence vote showdowns to win a five-week-old battle with the National Assembly over the 1950 budget. The budget bill providing for record high national spending of 2,225,000,000,000 francs now goes to France's Upper House, the Council of the Republic.

Voting figures were 300-296 in the first vote, 304-291 in the second and 305-284 in the third vote by which the Assembly passed on the budget as a whole.

Immediately after the result of the voting was made known, it was announced that the Cabinet would meet tomorrow at 10 a.m.

M. Bidault's confidence-vote success in the final showdown was a major victory for the middle of the road government leader over a combined attack from the Communists and a large section of Rightists.

Throughout the budget battle, a rebel group of Conservative Radical Socialists, headed by ex-Premier Edouard Daladier, fought long and stubbornly to prevent the government from imposing any additional taxation.

Although M. Bidault won the National Assembly stage of the budget battle, the fight has still not ended. The Council of the Republic, now on a two-week New Year vacation, probably will not debate the bill until late January. If the Council rejects it by an absolute majority, the Assembly would have to vote also by absolute majority of 310 of its 619 members to reinstate it on the second reading.

In all six Assembly confidence votes on the budget, M. Bidault has never won an absolute majority and it was doubtful whether he could do so on a second reading either.—United Press.

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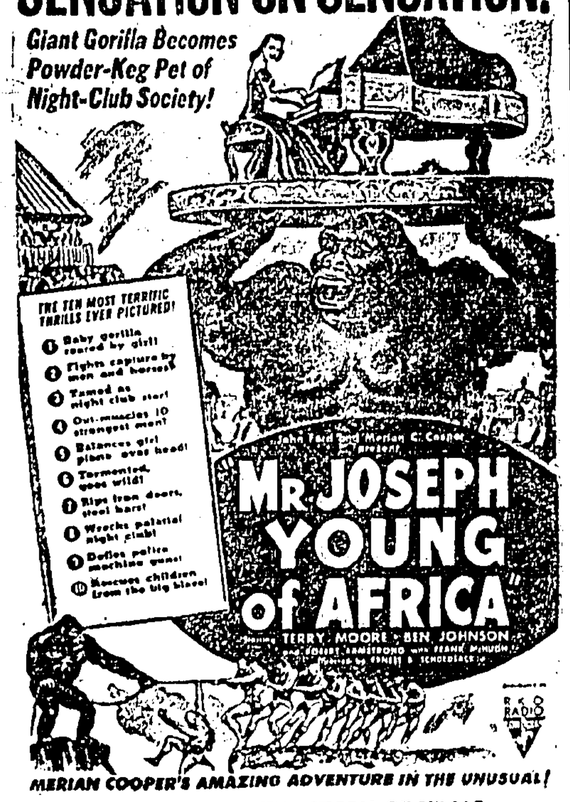


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# WOMANSENSE

## HAIR DOWN

An American visitor to London recently, the film star Corinne Calvet, wore her hair in a traditional shoulder-bob. Her collar was made of opals.

## YOUR TINY HAT IS CHOSEN

COCKTAIL hats are the millinery fashion hit of the year.

More and more women are insisting on wearing them for dining and dancing.

For cocktail parties or evening wear, the hat must be small. For evening wear, a velvet or brocade cap trimmed with jet or sequins is pretty. But go easy on the sequins.

For cocktail parties, when evening dress is not being worn, wear a close-fitting hat of velvet trimmed with a plume of feathers.

The hat in the sketch would suit most women. It is trimmed with tiny mother-of-pearl seashells, and a single black feather.

It could be easily retrimmed. It costs under £3.

### Value for money

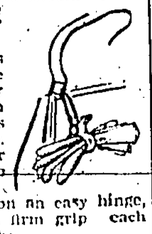
CHECKING up last week on Christmas gifts now in the shops, I find prices are still high.

But quality has greatly improved, and with few exceptions, value for money is being given.

The glove ring (see sketch) is made of copper-coloured metal. The two line chains clip on to your handbag frame.

The ring opens with an easy pincer movement, and will hold a pair of kid gloves firmly.

The clip is not unsightly when empty, and should be the answer to the "one lost glove" problem.

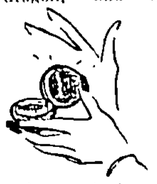


Gilt earrings sell for one guinea. They do not fasten on by means of a screw. Neither do your ears need to be pierced.

They work on an easy hinge, which gives a firm grip each side of the lobe.

Long pearl and diamante earrings sell for £2 2s.

Gilt scatterpins, a wasp, dragon, and butterfly, are 3s. 6d. each.



They screw into your lapel, and have no pin. Or you can wear three of them on an ivy leaf in your buttonhole.

A good buy is the ball compact (seen here) at only 25s.

### Food calendar

A NEW idea is a food and wine calendar, with month-by-month food tips and recipe notes, and the right wines to serve—for only 10s.

For flower-lovers there are oblong or heart-shaped wicker baskets for home flower decoration.

The heart-shaped baskets are 5s. and the others 8s to 10s.

*Susan Deacon*

(London Express Service)

## Overcome a Hollow-Cheeked Look By Make-Up, Right Food

Courtesy Tussy

To make your face look fuller here's a good trick: Apply rouge under the eye, then sweep it outward toward temple, down and back to starting point.

By HELEN FOLLETT

FASHION artists of the present moment are making their paper ladies look like famine victims; cheek bones prominent, faces gaunt. This is no consolation to the girl with hollow cheeks; she would much prefer to have a normally rounded facial contour. And she finds that in make-up she has a special problem.

To apply rouge too freely, in a large pattern, directly in the centre of the cheeks is a mistake. Rouge forms a shadow and this treatment will make the hollows seem even deeper. There is a special trick used by many beauticians that helps to give an appearance of health and facial fullness.

The rouge is applied directly under the eye. Then it sweeps outward toward the temple, descends, returns to starting point, leaving a fainter spot in the centre of the cheek. Natural blushes often take this form. By leaving the centre of the cheek lighter, the hollow is not accented.

Excessive thinness may mean that a girl is suffering from malnutrition. That is not surprising, considering the crazy eating habits of some of our over-active young ladies. There should be a medical check up and every effort should be made to bring weight to normal. More fat, sweets and starches should be added to the diet.

Breakfast should include fruit or fruit juices, a beverage, toast or bread, a soft boiled egg or several slices of bacon. The teeth of the finicky eater will go on edge at the mere thought of a maintenance breakfast but, after a few weeks, she will be ready for a man-sized meal and will enoy it.

The doctor will order a quart of milk a day, rich, creamy milk, a glass with each meal, another at bedtime. Milk is not just a beverage; it is a food, containing many elements that are necessary for well being.

Social activities should be limited, exercise moderate, sleeping hours never less than eight.

## New Medicine For Skin Diseases

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

DISORDERS of the skin often prove endlessly difficult to get rid of, sometimes persisting for years. Many of them are not only disfiguring but extremely uncomfortable as well especially where itching and scratching have produced infection with germs which keep the skin sore and inflamed.

Hence it is good news to be able to report on a new remedy which seems to be of value in many types of skin conditions. This is an iodine preparation known as chloro-iodo-hydroxyquinoline. It has long been used in the treatment of amebic dysentery, a disorder of the bowel caused by a parasite. Now the same preparation is proving helpful in the treatment of a variety of skin disorders.

For example, it has been found helpful in infections of the skin where a mild substance is needed to kill bacteria and fungi. In these conditions, which include impetigo, infected finger-nails, and fever blisters, any irritating medicines may make the condition worse.

### New Remedy

Many people are afflicted with rashes caused by sensitivity. These rashes are likely to be irritated by the ordinary antiseptic preparations and they often fail to respond to penicillin or the sulfonamide drugs. The new remedy works well here, and also in eczema, particularly if the rash is infected. It has been used in psoriasis, a condition in which there are scaly patches on the limbs, knees and other parts of the body. It is especially useful when the psoriasis is on some area that is easily irritated, and in those cases where there is a great deal of itching.

It would seem that this preparation can be used, together with other forms of treatment, without causing difficulties, except in the case of mercurials or sulfa-containing drugs.

Reactions do not occur. On the other hand, since it contains iodine, it is suggested that it not be used for a long time over large areas in cases where there is a possibility that the patient might be sensitive to iodine. However, such cases are most unusual.

This preparation should not be used except when directed by a physician in cases which he selects.

## Paris Designs Special Umbrellas For Travel

Paris.

A STURDY tailored style of umbrella, equipped with leather loops and huge safety pins so that it may be fastened to the "ceiling" of a motor car, attracted attention at the collective exhibition of umbrellas by the national federation of this industry.

The model is particularly suited to the small French cars, being slightly shorter than standard height; the leather loops snap around handle and tip and the safety pins are large enough to thrust into the upholstery fabric of the car. Everyone who knows how difficult it is to dispose of an umbrella in a car will appreciate this gadget which enables it to be tucked up under the top of the car out of the way but unsnapped quickly from the loops when needed.

### Suited To Travel

A good deal of attention has been paid transport problems for umbrellas in the show. There are several of the models which can be folded at the joints and go into a case about a foot long. Others do not fold but are short enough to go into a medium-sized valise, and for these special effort has been made to obtain lightweights for air travel.

In fashions there is a good deal to interest. Leather handles are given big place and some of the most effective have handles which can be described as half-stiff half-supple. They have handles which can slip over the wrist; one side of this wrist loop is rigid, the other half is supple, so that it is less inclined to slip and easier to carry on the wrist.

### Umbrella Pocket

A smart tailored handle is covered with pigskin and has a tiny pocket at top into which a woman can slip train ticket or carfare so she does not have to open her pocketbook while carrying her umbrella. Finely grained leather in dark Moroccan red is used for several attractive models, matched by silk of the same colour, designed for women who want something brighter than black, brown or navy but who are too conservative for plaids or any really bright shade.

### Handle Spotlight

Fine woods handcarved are still in evidence but not quite so numerous as last year and mostly reserved to tall slender handles. Newcomers are straight handles of plastics coloured to imitate black or scarlet or green lacquers; they are neatly banded in gold and stated to be unbreakable. Other plastic is used to imitate brown tortoiseshell. New example of the umbrellas shown n August with the Lafaurie clothes, are offered; these have straight handles made from authentic old Chinese pipes for smoking opium, of handworked silver set with stones.

There is a lot of bright gold metal used for handles, and one effective model is covered with black suede and studded by pointed gold nailheads.

## Comfortable For Lounging

By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

Red corduroy makes an attractive and useful lounging coat, excellent for the dormitory or for the home. For a different look the rib is used horizontally, and there is plain black velveteen piping for the collar, the wrists and the slot. It is lined in quilted satin.

## NEW LAMPS BRIGHTEN UP A ROOM

By ELEANOR ROSS

IT generally seems that the living room needs a certain something, and that certain something is usually a lamp. Somehow the old lamp array seems like last year's hats; if not out of place dull and dispirited. So get a new lamp for the new year. And often, only too often, we return with a nice new lamp, but it, too, doesn't seem right.

Sometimes if the old lamps could be switched around and rearranged, they would look like something again. So try rearranging lamps, before adding to their number. And if it is necessary to add to their number, then choose carefully. Does the room need a bridge lamp, a torchere, another reading lamp, or just a beautiful, decorative affair, a real conversation piece?

Don't choose a very tall slender lamp, if all your lamps are of average height. For all lamps should be about the same height whether they be floor or table models. As long as they do not clash in colour, texture and design, lamps of different styles may be safely assembled in one room, especially if it is large.

Lamps should follow the trend of the room decor to a certain degree. Certainly fluffy shades and delicate bases are out of place in a room of the rugged type or one with very modern furniture and appointments. And, by the same token, some of the latest lamps are stark, modern jobs, metal tripods or satiny brass rods, that would be completely out of place except in a really simple, modern interior.

## Welcome Back

At the welcome-back to England are seen the ballet party: Margot Fonteyn in feather helmet and Moira ("Red Shoes") Shearer.

—(London Express Service)

## Household Hints

If you build book shelves, make them several inches deeper than the books you are to put on them to make allowance for air circulation. Never crowd the books on your shelves.

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A small hook inside a kitchen cupboard door makes a safe hanger for rings or a wrist watch when you're baking or washing dishes.

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Lemon juice, salt and sunshine usually will remove rust marks from white cotton or linen garments.

## Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

## Luxury Taste for Plain Food

"AND I used to gather filberts in New England. We called them hazelnuts. But these are much larger, and have a much improved flavour."

"Where did these filberts come from, Madame?"

"From the Northwest. You know commercial filbert-raising is a comparatively new industry. And this year there has been a record crop."

"Madame, are you familiar with the high 7-layer chocolate cake which is put together and covered all over with butter cream icing and sprinkled very thick with chopped filberts? And do you know the exquisite 6-egg torte, with grated filberts used instead of flour? And have you ever enjoyed those crisp filbert butter cookies that are so—"

"And how did you like filberts as the topping on the bread and butter pudding, Madame?"

"Very much, Chef."

### Filbert Hot Bread

"And Madame, you made a very nice filbert hot bread, the whirls of taffy: I think they would make a good dessert."

"You mean the filbert taffy whirls. They are a good example of the way filberts can be used to make an everyday food, such as biscuits, taste like a luxury."

"I would like to say a word to our readers about toasting filberts to remove the red skins if desired. This is called a dry-blanch. No water is used. Just place the nutmeats in a shallow pan and toast in a very slow oven about 20 minutes, or until the skins loosen and may be rubbed off. Toasting heightens their delightful flavour."

### Dinner

Beet-Mushroom Soup
Fish Fillets Hollandaise
Paprika Potatoes Tomatoes
Carrot, Green Pepper and Celery Salad
Filbert Taffy Whirls
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

Include enriched bread or rolls with butter or margarine.

*All Measurements Are Level*
*Recipes Serve Four*

### Beet-Mushroom Soup

Wash and peel 10 medium-sized beets. Then put through the food chopper with 1 peeled onion. Add 3 c. cold water and 2 bouillon cubes or 2 envelopes broth powder and 1 (3½ oz.) can sliced mushrooms and the liquid. Slowly bring to boiling point and simmer about 8 min. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve with a garnish of soured cream.

### Fish Fillets Hollandaise

This is a complete main course and calls for paprika potato balls, Hollandaise dill sauce, grilled tomatoes and poached fillets.

Paprika Potato: Peel and boil or pressure-cook 8 small white potatoes. If desired they can be cut in 1 in. cubes. Season with melted butter or margarine and plenty of paprika.

Poached Codfish Fillets: In a large deep frying pan put 2 c. boiling water, 2 slices lemon, ½ tsp. pickle spice, and ½ tsp. salt. Add 1 lb. fresh or frozen cod fillets; cover and simmer until flaky. Drain from the liquid. Pace the fish fillets on a heated platter and cover with Hollandaise dill sauce. Top with sprigs of parsley. Around the fillets arrange overlapping slices of grilled tomatoes, alternating with the paprika potato. Serve very hot.

Hollandaise Dill Sauce: Melt ¼ c. butter or margarine in a double-boiler top. Beat 2 egg yolk with 1 tbsp. flour, ¼ tsp. salt and ⅛ tsp. pepper. Stir in 1 tbsp. each vinegar and lemon juice. Add to the melted butter, stirring constantly. Then slowly stir in ½ c. boiling water and cook and stir until thick. Add 1½ tsp. fine-powdered fresh dill, or 1 tbsp. minced dill pickle.

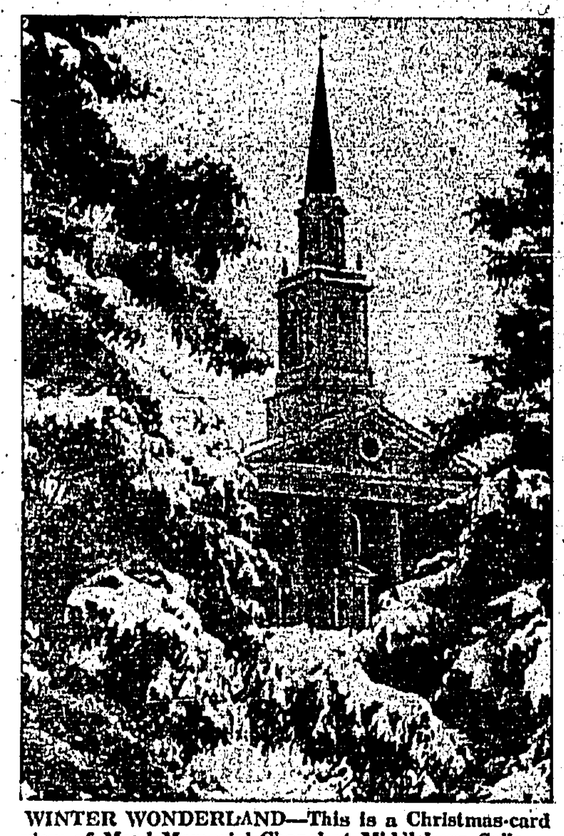
### Filbert Taffy Whirls

Make up 1 home-made recipe for rich baking powder biscuits, or use a mix. Roll into oblong shape about 1/3 in. thick. Spread with 3 tbsp. softened margarine or butter, bringing it to ½ in. of the edge. Then cover with a mixture of ½ c. brown sugar and ½ c. fine-chopped toasted filberts. Roll up like a jelly roll. Place fold side down and with a sharp knife cut into slices ½ in. thick. Place cut side down on an oiled baking pan or in muffin pans. Sprinkle 3 extra tbsp. chopped toasted filberts over the top and bake in a moderate oven, 375 F. or 25-20 min. Serve warm.

# PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT

IN CELEBRATION—Schoolchildren in Havana, Cuba, observe the 430th birthday of the city by visiting the historic Templete, built on the site of the first Mass held in Cuba. Usually open only on Colombus Day, the Templete was also visited on this exceptional occasion.

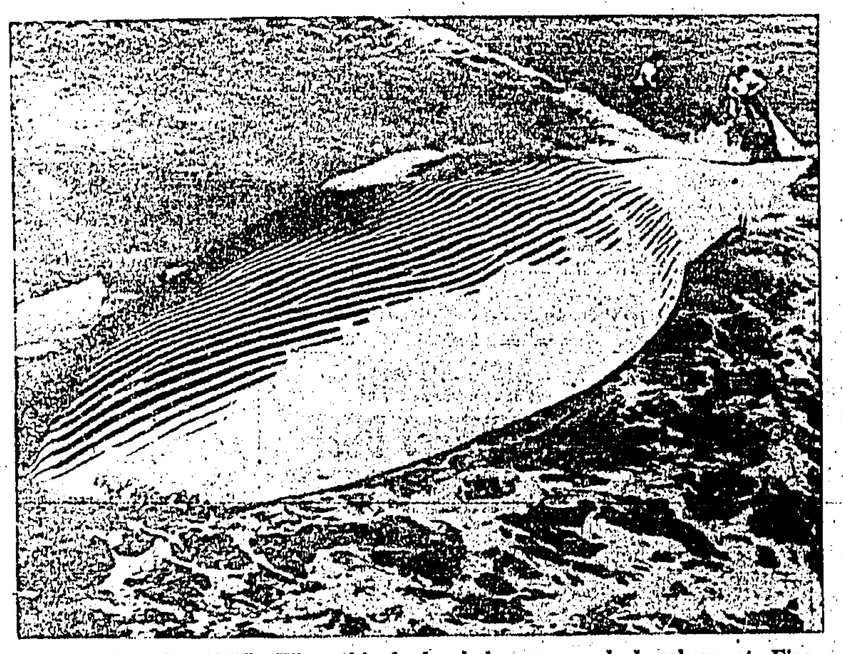
FEARFUL VIGIL—Villagers living on the slopes of Mount Etna, near Catania, Sicily, watch huge columns of smoke rise from the crater as the volcano erupts for the second time since the war. Crops and vineyards were damaged by streams of hot lava and ashes which poured down from the mountain.



WINTER WONDERLAND—This is a Christmas-card view of Mead Memorial Chapel at Middlebury College, in Vermont. Three pre-winter snowfalls have given the campus its earliest snow cover in postwar years, arraying it for the holidays.

THREE LOVELIES—When three such gorgeous gals display their charms, they manage to keep the honours evenly divided. Chorus girls (left to right) Joe Ames, Pat Terry and Marie Roe keep their dancing figures by taking a daily swim under the desert at Las Vegas, Nevada.

CLOSE TO CAPTURE—Londoners being unexpectedly entertained by Joan, the Barbary ape who escaped from the Regents's Park Zoo. Joan enjoyed three days of city sightseeing before she was captured near the Ministry of Supply Office and returned to her cage.



UNWELCOME GUEST—When this dead whale was washed ashore at Fire Island, New York, the Coast Guard was called to attach a hawser to the huge blob of blubber and haul it away.

KILLED ON THE RUN—John William Held of Indianapolis, Indiana, met his death after he had abandoned his stalled truck on the tracks before an oncoming train. Held was only a few feet from safety when the train hit the truck and threw it against him.

ARMFUL — Film Star Robert Mitchum looks like any weary Christmas shopper as he holds some of his Yuletide gifts in Hollywood.

HOMECOMING—When their dog, Laddie, got lost, it was a sad time for Jeffry Willis, two, left, and his brother Charles, four, of Roslyn Heights, New York. But they received a notice from a dog shelter that their pet had been found, and Laddie's welcome home made it a joyous occasion for the entire family.

PERFECT—At a dental meeting held in New York, actress Barbara Hale was voted as a glamorous example of perfect dental care. She looks like a good choice.

WATCH ON THE RHINE—With colours snapping in a brisk wind, a U. S. Navy patrol craft covers its beat on the Rhine River, in Germany. The patrol was set in February, 1949, to aid navigation on the river.

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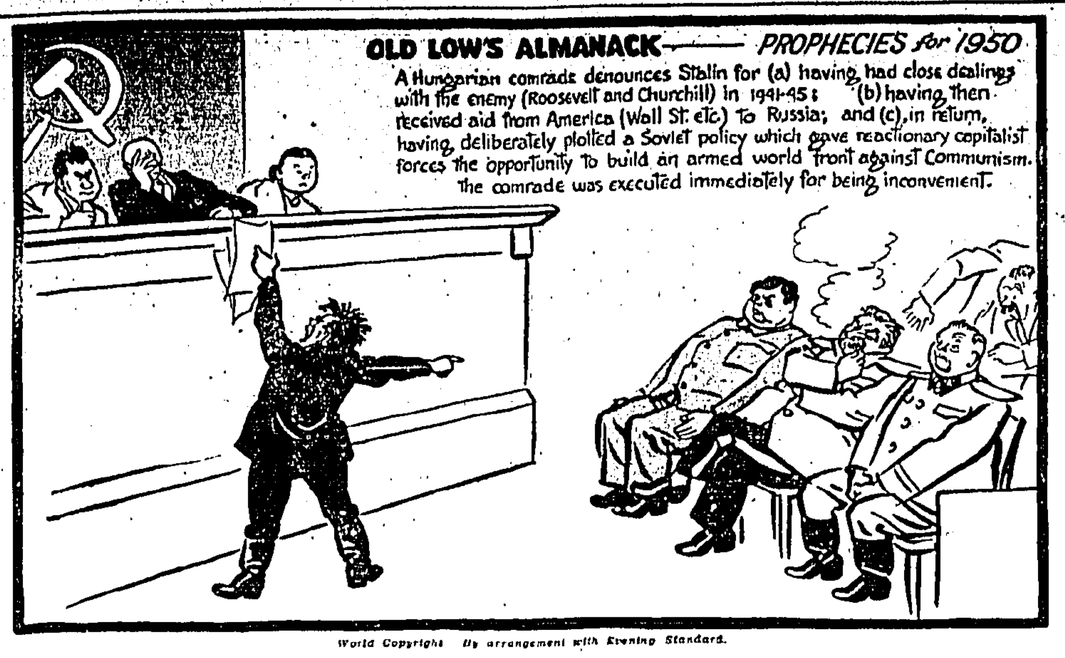


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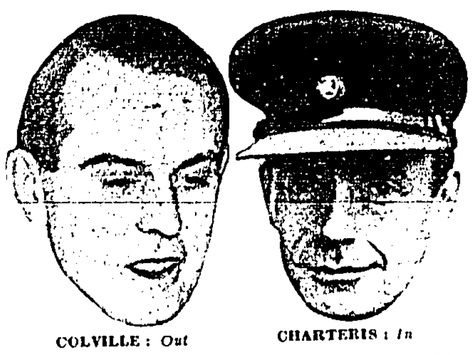
# William Hickey

**Could there be two more contrasting personalities — Princess Elizabeth's new secretary and the one who has just left?**



COLVILLE: *Out* CHARTERIS: *In*

**PEOPLE** interested in domestic affairs at Buckingham Palace are commenting on the violent contrast in personality between **PRINCESS ELIZABETH'S** new private secretary and the man he displaces.

Plain-speaking acquaintances of the out going secretary, **JOHN RUPERT COLVILLE** describe him as "stuffy"; precise, elegant, meticulously well-informed on social etiquette—the kind of man who knows instantly whether the **DOWAGER DUCHESS THIS** has or has not precedence at dinner over the **DOWAGER DUCHESS THAT.**

But Colville's secretarial record is formidable. Premiers **NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, WINSTON CHURCHILL,** and **CLEMENT ATTLEE** have all had use of his services.

**MAJOR the Hon. MARTIN CHARTERIS,** the newcomer (who starts his duties at Clarence House soon) is whatever the opposite of "stuffy" is.

Not long ago he had to deliver a lecture and arrived on the scene in very casual civilian clothes under the impression that his uniform was packed in his bag. The time came to change—and the uniform wasn't in the bag.

The lecture was delivered with Charteris in service trousers, shirt sleeves, and an Old Etonian tie.

"Impossible to imagine Colville doing a thing like that," is what you hear.

Charteris's record though, is also impressive.

During the war he was an Intelligence officer in Palestine; his signals became famous for shrewdness, initiative, and accuracy.

Often he would dress himself up appropriately, put on a tarboosh, and go mooning around those odd spots in the Middle East where so much valuable "intelligence" was to be found.

His one misfortune is that at the age of 36 he has stomach trouble which restricts him sometimes to a milk-and-semolina diet.

The Charteris "background" is strictly correct: Eton; the Army; his brother an earl (WEMYSS).*

Nevertheless many people who appreciate his spirited, unorthodox personality find it puzzling (agreeably puzzling) that he should have been chosen for this essentially formal post.

"A refreshing appointment," is one verdict.

"Maybe the Princess just wanted someone a little less starchy around," is another.

**OFF** to Cairo recently was Old Etonian Captain **ROBERT GORDON CANNING** who threw up a cloud of dust four years ago when he paid £500 for **HITLER'S** bust at the sell-up of the German Embassy in London.

In Cairo he picks up the Arabic autobiography of **ABD-EL-KRIM,** Moslem leader with whom he worked in the 'twenties. He plans to translate it into English.

The Hitler bust stays here. When Canning, a wartime 18B detainee, bought it, he said it might go back to Germany "in 25 years' time."

Meanwhile, it was to be placed in a museum.

So far, nothing at all has happened to it. Today its 5½ cwt. of black, forbidding granite still gathers dust on the floor of the Chelsea furniture depository where it was put after the sale.

*Charteris's mother is sister to LADY DIANA COOPER.

**LONDON** telephone booths now have instructions printed in them in Italian, Spanish, and French.

Says the Post Office: "It is to help foreigners, to give them a good impression of England when they land."

FOUR YEARS AFTER—
*—And still in store.*

That is a good idea. And even better one would be to speed up the service. I waited 12 minutes for the exchange to answer me from an Earl's Court-road call-box last night.

That is just 11 minutes too long for any foreigner. And for me.

**CYNICAL** Rightwingers are finding a special savour in the current dance band success entitled "Again."

Indeed they are re-titling it: "A Socialist M.P.'s Lament For That Wonderful July in 1945."

The song starts off:—

*Again,*
*This couldn't happen again,*
*This is that once-in-a-lifetime,*
*This is that thrill divine.*

And ends:—

*What matters, dear, for when*
*This doesn't happen again*
*We'll have this moment for ever,*
*But never, never again.**

To one man, however—a man not widely known outside the Conservative Party's London headquarters—a gentle jest of this kind makes little appeal.

His name: **IAN McLEAN.** His title: London area speaking tutor. His real function: the party's expert in mob oratory.

When **BOB BULBROOK,** gas worker and ex-boxer from the Old Kent-road, fired the apathetic Tory conference three months back, the sentiments were Bulbrook but the words largely McLean.

Strictly, McLean's job is to teach the technique of public speaking to what the party calls (patronisingly, yes?) the L.W.E.s—short for Lower Wage Earners.

Besides the L.W.E.s McLean admits—his own description—"a few odd bods" to his classes; among them the **MARCHIONESS OF DUFFERIN AND AVA,** lately appointed a director of Guinness's.

He plans to build a corps of L.W.E.s from "tougher" working-class districts. He has been at it for less than a year, but already his star pupils, **GEORGE FISHER,** a crane-slinger, and **BILL KEITH,** of the Royal Arsenal, are holding their own meetings in a Brixton workingman's club.

McLean himself, now 35, with a wife and child, has a sharp, rather sallow face, wears a neat but obviously non-Savile-row suit, lacks the conventional stiff collar and regimental tie. His regiment was the hardly fashionable 56th Recce; his rank when captured outside Tunis, sergeant.

The Old School shows no great enthusiasm for Mr McLean. "Fella walks down Whitehall without a hat" is one comment.

**LORD WOOLTON** has now given McLean his toughest task so far; teaching members of the Junior Carlton Club (subscription 20 guineas a year) to heckle.

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*EXAMPLE: If you ask a man if he was a conscientious objector you get a long diatribe on imperialist mass slaughter; ask him instead how his objections helped us win the war.*

West End clubmen, he finds, are good at theory, but seriously lack that instinct for the whiplash retort enjoyed by Soccer lovers, taxi-drivers, and old-style washerwomen.

**SIDELIGHT** on the real power of the Crown comes from **DEAN INGE.** His diaries, just published suggest that **KING GEORGE V** was responsible for the National Government of 1931.

At the height of the 1931 crisis Prime Minister **RAMSAY MACDONALD** handed his resignation to the King, saying: "My party will not follow me. There is nothing for Your Majesty to do except to send for **MR BALDWIN.**"

The King replied: "I don't want to do that. I want you to stay as trustee for the poor. You are overwrought now. Go home, and go to bed. Tomorrow morning I will have Baldwin and **HERBERT SAMUEL** here to meet you. We will see if we can arrange for a National Government."

**ARCHBISHOP LANG'S** comment on the story: "That 'Go to bed' saved the country."

**STUDENTS** of "The Pursuit of Love"—text-book on the landed nobility, indispensable to social climbers—will remember **"UNCLE MATTHEW," LORD ALCONLEIGH.**

He it was who *"thought fashionable weddings the height of degradation and refused to lead one of his daughters up the aisle of St Margaret's through a crowd of gaping strangers."*

Is the **DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE** among **MISS NANCY MITFORD'S** more attentive readers?

What prompts the query is the now much-commented-on modesty of style with which the duke's daughter, **LADY ANNE CAVENDISH,** became the bride of **MR MICHAEL TREE** (the two of them are now honeymooning).

For consider:—

The bride's father is nearly the richest, quite the grandest, and most ducal of dukes. She herself is very much the duke's daughter. To get Lady Anne to their parties is the ambition of every hostess. Particularly to get her there on time.

The bridegroom is on the list of suitable escorts for **PRINCESS MARGARET.** (Last summer she stayed at his house in Oxfordshire.) He is rich rather than merely wealthy, his father **RONALD TREE,** once a Tory M.P., is a grandson of **MARSHALL FIELD,** millionaire Chicago store and newspaper owner.

But the two of them were married in the private chapel at Chatsworth, the Cavendish home in Derbyshire.

There were no bridesmaids.

—(London Express Service)

## Chapter 14 Of . . . . The Greatest Story Ever Told

### By Fulton Oursler

AT the top of the great stairs the figure of the prisoner appeared between two vast marble pillars. The guards stood back and let the whole assembly get a look at Him. The impregnability of that alert and tranquil countenance tormented him, not because the old one did not understand, but because he was beginning to suspect that he understood too well.

The prisoner's calm humility was enough to pierce intellectual pride. In one straight glance Jesus seemed to survey the whole entrenched and greedy power which here was marshalled against Him.

The cackle and gabble of conversation dwindled as guards led Jesus forward. It was just a few minutes past midnight. Now, in the bright torchlight of the huge chamber, they sized Him up with the most intense curiosity, and wondered at His calm.

#### Prayer Of Caiphas

AND now Caiphas stood up. On his head the high priest wore a turban of blue enwrought with gold, and across his chest was the brass plate of his office glittering with twelve precious stones. His flowing robe was also of blue, but his girdle was of scarlet, purple, and gold, and out of his sleeves fluttered the pure white linen of his sacerdotal underwear. Of the whole court only he wore sandals, but you could barely see them for the gaudy fringes of his robe embroidered with crimson pomegranates.

Before the trial began Caiphas prayed with theatrical intonations and histrionic pauses. He lifted up his hands and brought palms together just below the last ringlet of his redolent beard. Caiphas, addressing the God who, as a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night, had led the Israelites out of the bondage of Egypt, now entreated this same light to shine on the deeds done here at this trial; that the elders, the priests, and the scribes might know the truth and judge justly.

Caiphas gave a signal and the guards shoved Jesus down the last two steps, into the hollow of the great U surrounded by His judges.

#### The Accusation

"LET every man know of what this Jesus of Nazareth stands accused," resumed Caiphas. "His crime is blasphemy. For that crime He is now to be tried. He is accused of having used certain words, of having said certain things. If these charges are true, if the witnesses agree, then He is guilty not only of sacrilege, the most abominable crime, but also of that charge which has been forbidden since Moses gave us the law—the crime of sorcery. Let the witnesses be called."

First there was brought in a tall, gaunt, hungry man with eyes that peered from under red lids in unaccustomed wonder at all this height and depth of room, this display of torches and candles, this splendour of wardrobe, this unaccustomed glory in the dark hour of morning. Caiphas caressed his beard as he asked the first question.

"What is your name?"

"Ben Jezrel."

"You have promised to tell the truth. You have not forgotten the commandment?"

Ben Jezrel put his hand under his right thigh in token that he had spoken the truth and answered:

"I remember: 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour'."

#### "If You Sin . . ."

CROSSING his hands, the high priest began the recitation of ritual words required by the code:

"Forget not, O witness, that it is one thing to give evidence in a trial as to money and another in a trial for life. In a money suit, if your witness-bearing shall do wrong, money may repair that wrong. But in this trial for life, if you sin, the blood of the accused and the blood of his seed, to the end of time, shall be imputed unto you.... Therefore was Adam created one man and alone to teach us that if any witness shall destroy one soul out of Israel, he is held by the Scripture to be as if he had destroyed the world, and he who saves one such, it should be as if he had saved the world—for a man from one signet ring may strike off many impressions and all of them shall be exactly alike, but He, the King of Kings, He the Holy and Blessed, has struck from His type of the first man the forms of all men that are living, yet so that no one human being is wholly alike to any other!

"Wherefore let us think and believe that the whole world is created for a man such as He whose life now hangs on your words!"

Caiphas waited for a moment and then began the formal questioning.

"Did you actually see and hear the prisoner commit the crime with which He is charged?"

"Yes."

"Did you caution the prisoner of the gravity of His offence?"

"I did."

"And he persisted?"

"He did."

#### The Warning

"DID you warn Him of the punishment to which He would be liable if He were convicted of the offence?"

"I did, sir."

"Do you think He was aware of the serious nature of His crime?"

"I am certain that He was."

"Now, what were the words you heard Him say?"

"I heard this man say these words," Ben Jezrel testified.

"I will destroy this Temple that is made with hands and in three days I will build another not made with hands."

A murmur ran through the elders, the priests, and the scribes. Had this Galilean dared to say such a thing? Would He deny it?

Caiphas turned toward the prisoner.

"Well, Jesus of Nazareth, what have you to say to this that you have heard?"

There was no answer.

"Do you deny the testimony of Ben Jezrel?"

Jesus, wrists bound, face untroubled, stood mute in the great lighted hall. To remain silent was His legal right.

"Did you admit that you said those words?"

Still no answer. Caiphas turned, with a long sweeping grimace that encompassed the whole court. His shrug seemed to say to them: "You see how it is? We have a stubborn, stiff-necked prisoner here." But he scrupulously refrained from saying any word detrimental to the accused. Instead, he dismissed Ben Jezrel with a toss of his hand.

"Bring on the second witness."

#### A Poor Merchant

THE second witness was Isaac ben Marath, a poor merchant in beans and barley but one who, nevertheless, gave up his tithes to the Temple three times a year.

"Well, Isaac ben Marath," began Caiphas, "tell us what were the words you heard spoken by this man?"

And Isaac ben Marath answered:

"I heard Jesus of Nazareth say: 'Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up'."

"You may go!" said Caiphas, turning with triumph to the whole court, right and left, seeming to say: "Well, judges, you have heard the necessary two witnesses. Does not their testimony agree?"

As if in answer to that unspoken question, one of the most respected members of the court, Joseph of Arimathea, brought his knees together and stood up with an agility surprising in so elderly a man.

"The witnesses do not agree!" Joseph sternly declared. "If you think they do, you are very much mistaken. The first witness testified—I have written down very carefully what he said—that this prisoner, Jesus, had uttered these words: 'I will destroy this Temple that is made with hands and in three days I will build another not made with hands.' That is one accusation we have heard.

"But the second witness said something entirely different; he attributes to Jesus an entirely different statement which was, according to him: 'Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up'."

TO BE CONTINUED TOMORROW

## NANCY Storm Warning

By Ernie Bushmiller

## The Rage Of Egypt

Introducing Camelia, a film star whose face decorates all the cinema hoardings in Cairo. Twenty-year-old Camelia is Egypt's top star. She has a French mother, and Egyptian father, went to an English school in Alexandria, and had a Hollywood contract a year ago — but the company went broke. Said Camelia: "In Egyptian films, to make a success the girl must be chased through most of the picture and finish off with a song and a dance.

# U.S. Congress May Cut M-Aid In New Session

**Washington, Jan. 2.—Cuts in Marshall Aid and other drastic economies in foreign spending are expected to be proposed to the United States Congress during its session, which opens tomorrow.**

***The first big day of the session will be Wednesday, when President Truman will deliver his State of the Union message in person. He is expected to call for a broad expansion of social security benefits for the American people and continued aid to other peoples abroad.***

Stern battles have been predicted over both the domestic and foreign policies and it is considered unlikely that Congress will give all that Mr Truman asks in either field.

At home, Mr Truman is expected to ask for compulsory health insurance, repeal of the Taft-Hartley labour law, new farm subsidies and tax increases.

Observers forecast that Congress will shelve all these issues and that an expansion of the "Welfare State" will have to await the outcome of next November's Congressional elections.

### CHINA POLICY

On the foreign side, attention will be focussed particularly on anything Mr Truman might say about future American policy towards China.

The Republican Party is pressing him to embark on a policy of aiding Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in his attempt to hold the island of Taiwan as an outpost against the Communist regime.

The renewal of Marshall Aid to Western Europe will be the other big foreign issue. Most Congressional leaders forecast a cut. So the Republicans are threatening "retaliatory action" in the amount of aid to Britain if she goes ahead with her reported plan to grant early recognition to Communist China.

### ELECTIONS' EFFECT

The November elections will be behind nearly every question likely to come before Congress.

Those seeking election will be anxious to try to ease the burden on the taxpayers' pockets. Drastic economies are almost bound to be the order.

President Truman himself may propose reduced Marshall Plan spending. It is predicted also that he will recommend the repeal of several wartime excise taxes, including those on travel, entertainment and communications, but will ask for increased taxes in other directions to make up the deficit.

The state of the parties in Congress will be almost the same as that which adjourned last October. That is Democrats (House) 262 (Senate) 54 Republicans (House) 169 (Senate) 42 American Labour (House) one (Senate) nil, vacancies (House) three (Senate) nil.

Though the Democratic Party has a majority in both Houses, 19 Southern members, who oppose Mr Truman because of his civil rights policy, have in the past voted with the Republicans on most controversial domestic issues and have thus helped to defeat the President's proposals. This state of affairs is expected to continue. Mr Truman will send his economic report to Congress next Friday and his Budget next Monday.—Reuter.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"The Barkleys must be doing awfully well—every time they see an expensive new home advertised they rush out to look at it!"

## Desperate Flight To Save Life

Los Angeles, Jan. 2.—Two-year-old Janet Beth Wagner was today flying the last leg of an air trip half-way round the world in an effort to save her life. She is suffering from a rare blood disease.

With her parents, Mr and Mrs Paul Wagner, and eight-year-old sister Pamela, she arrived here on Saturday night by Pan-American Clipper from her home in Singapore.

They are due in Cleveland, Ohio, this evening, where Janet will go immediately to the Cleveland Clinic, where doctors hope to cure her. Janet contracted the malady two weeks ago and Singapore doctors gave her only six weeks to live. Mr Wagner is the Goodrich Rubber Company's head buyer there.—Reuter.

# Chinese Reds' Efforts To Disguise Their Totalitarian System

**The Chinese Communists are covering up their totalitarian system under a cloak of high-sounding democratic terminology and pretensions, according to Chang Kuo-sin, a United Press correspondent who has just arrived in Hongkong from Shanghai.**

The Communists' arch pretension is that they represent the people, and that their party and Government are the People's Party and the People's Government. Therefore, theirs is the only real democracy. What they say and do and advocate, is what the people say and do and advocate.

Anyone opposing them is opposing the people, and to say that they do not represent the people or that their system is not democratic is blasphemy and a capital offence.

At present one of the chief missions of their propaganda is to smear the western political system—which the majority of educated Chinese had accepted as true democracy—as "false democracy." The reason they give is that the western system is dominated by the capitalist class, which is in the minority, for the purpose of exploiting and oppressing the majority.

### MAJORITY WILL

They call their present transitional political set-up in Peking a system of "democratic concentration." The basic principles of the system, according to the Premier, Mr Chou En-lai, are that the minority shall obey the majority, and the lower levels shall obey the higher levels.

But in practice these basic principles rarely apply. To mention just one out of the many violations of these principles the minority opinion (Communist party) prevailed over the majority opinion (non-party "democratic parties and personages") in the selection of the national flag in the People's Political Consultative Conference in Peking last September.

The majority opinion, according to the Ta Kung Pao, favoured a flag with one five-pointed star on a red background with a nationalistic horizontal yellow strip running across the middle of the flag symbolising the Yellow River, the "Cradle of Chinese Civilisation."

The Communists call their permanent system which will follow the present provisional coalition set-up in Peking a "People's Democratic Dictatorship." This, in the minds of many Chinese, is a contradiction in terms. Mao Tse-tung in his treatise "On the People's Democratic Dictatorship" on July 1 explained that it is democratic because political power is vested in the hands of the people and a dictatorship because it denies political power to those who are not the people.

The next question that occurs to the minds of observers is who are the people? The Communist conception of the "people" is fluid and changes with time. Now they are the workers, farmers, petty bourgeoisie and the so-called national bourgeois (that is, the money class not connected with bureaucratic capital) or in short, those who support the Communists, even if they are former warlords or feudalistic landlords. The New China News Agency has not yet explained who will constitute the "people" in the future.

Despite Communist explanations of their political system, in the opinion of neutral observers, the fact is that it is a one-party dictatorship similar to the Kuomintang regime. Once this correspondent asked a Communist: "How can you call your system democratic when it is actually your party that rules?"

His answer was curt: "That shows your thinking has not yet been 'broken open.'"

"Broken open" is a new Communist term meaning to accept Communist dialectics.

Lower down in the administrative levels, the Communists also have their "democratic" practices. To enumerate them one by one with instances of how they actually operate:

1. Free elections. Admittedly, the voters are given full freedom in casting their vote, but the monkey wrench is that all the candidates are selected by the Communists. Sometimes there are oversights on the part of Communist supervisors, but they are corrected immediately in a brusque manner. For instance, the Shanghai Arts College was asked to elect several student delegates to a meeting shortly after the "liberation" of the city. The students thought it was a free election and promptly elected their delegates, but soon afterwards the election list of Communist - approved candidates arrived. Before the situation could be remedied, the elected delegates had already gone to the meeting. There at the gate, however, they were not permitted to enter because their names were not on the list.

2. Democratic discussions. Again admittedly, discussion is democratic, but all opinions expressed are usually favourable to the Communists, because the participants are selected. In open meetings, arrangements are made beforehand to ensure a favourable trend in the deliberations. For instance, a meeting of business guilds was called in Nanking last July by the Tax Bureau director to discuss the rate of the business tax for May and June. The amount of the tax for the two months had already been fixed by the director at 40,000 piculs of rice.

### "DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT"

In the meeting, many guild representatives raised objections and demanded a reduction. But they were promptly shouted down by bookstore representatives as "reactionaries." The director made a long speech defending the tax as being in the interest of the people.

There was a prolonged silence. Then the bookstore representatives rose up and said that since no further contrary opinions were expressed it showed that the participants had come to a "higher degree of political understanding" and moved that the tax be supported and the meeting closed.

The next morning the New China Daily reported that after full consultation with guild representatives in a "democratic spirit" the Government received "unanimous and enthusiastic" support for the business tax.

3. The people's demand. When the Communists take a oppressive measure, it is usually preceded by letters to editors in the newspapers' readers column demanding such a measure. Thus, the foreign Press was banned because "the people had demanded it."

4. Voluntariness. When the Communists make the people do something, their tactics are to make them do it "voluntarily." Thus, workers are reported to have "voluntarily" reduced their salary and worked longer hours, coolies "voluntarily" carried loads for the Communist army, office employees "voluntarily" resigned to go back to the village to produce and so forth.

### "PERSUASION"

To mention just two out of the many instances of "voluntariness" which have come to the attention of this correspondent:

Firstly, is the case of a staff member in the Nanking Irrigation Bureau. He was discharged in the recent austerity campaign, but was asked by the Communist departmental chief to sign a paper saying he had "voluntarily resigned to return to the village to produce." The man refused. He was then subjected to an exhausive process of "persuasion" by the departmental chief. He was called in to the chief's office every hour. After five rounds of "persuasion" he finally submitted.

Secondly, is the case of the students of a girls' middle school in Nanking. The girls refused to join in the parades in celebration of the establishment of the new People's Government. Communist students went in to ask the principal to "persuade" the students to join in the parade "voluntarily." The principal at first declined to do so, but later agreed and called a meeting of the whole student body. The students still refused to join. The principal finally announced that she would join herself. That broke the stalmate and the students went to the parade "voluntarily."

5. Hope. When the Communists want the people to do something which is not in the line of duty but which is politically significient, such as parades, their tactics are to tell them "We hope you will do it." But "hope" has now come to be understood as an order, because several workers in a factory in Nanking who did not join in a recent parade as they were "hoped" to do were discharged for some other flimsy reasons.—United Press.

## Quirino Plans New Conference

### "Southwest Pacific" Nations

Manila, January 3.—President Elpidio Quirino told General Wu Teh-chen, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Minister without Portfolio, that he will convene a conference of "Southwest Pacific" nations shortly after his return from the United States in the last week of January, Malacanan sources said.

General Wu, returning to Taiwan after acting as Generalissimo Chiang's envoy at the inauguration of the United States of Indonesia, conferred with Mr Quirino for 75 minutes last night.

Manila observers placed particular emphasis on Mr Quirino's use of "Southwest Pacific" instead of his former term of "Southwest Asia Union" in referring to participants in the economic and security union which the Philippines President proposed last Spring.

The original proposal envisioned Nationalist China and the United Nations sponsored South Korea as member of a group which would take measures for defence against the spread of Communism and for their economics through joint efforts. Since that time Nationalist China has been forced back to its last ditch outpost of Taiwan. Burma and Thailand have extended recognition to Communist China and India has virtually ignored the Quirino proposal. — Associated Press.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 3
Closing Times By Air

Hoihow, 4 p.m.
Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Cairo (Nairobi), Mombasa, Dar-es-Salaam, Mauritius and Johannesburg via Cairo), Rome and London, (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.
Manila, Guam, Honolulu, USA and Canada, 5 p.m.
Air Parcel Posts for Manila, Honolulu and USA. (Kowloon CPO) 4 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.
Ordinary Air Mail (Printed Matters, Samples & Small Packet Posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu & USA, (Kowloon CPO) 4 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.
Japan, 5 p.m.
Haiphong and Saigon, 5 p.m.
Bangkok, 5 p.m.
Taipeh, 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

Parcels only for Canada via Vancouver, B.C., 3 p.m.
Formosa via Keelung, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4
Closing Times By Air

Manila, 11 a.m.
Taipeh, 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

Hoihow and Bangkok, 9 a.m.
Rangoon, 9 a.m.
Manila, 3 p.m.
Formosa via Keelung, 2 p.m.
Straits, Batavia, Sourabaya and Macassar, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5
Closing Times By Air

Canada and USA, 11 a.m.
Okinawa and Tokyo, 2 p.m.
Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Cairo (Nairobi, Mombasa, Dar-es-Salaam, Mauritius and Johannesburg via Cairo), Rome and London, (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 a.m.
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia and Colombo, 5 p.m.
Taipeh, 5 p.m.
Labuan, Sydney and Auckland, 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

Korea via Inchon, Noon.
Australia and New Zealand via Sydney, 1 p.m.
USA, Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada), 2 p.m.
Saigon, 3 p.m.

## BIG WELCOME FOR 1950

New Year revellers at the Kowloon Cricket Club's annual New Year's Eve dance crowd the floor during a "hoki-koki." Picture by Staff Photographer.

# African Peoples "Gripped By Nationalism"

**Bloemfontein, Jan. 2. — Dr J. S. Moroka, recently elected President of the African National Congress (largest national organisation of the South African Bantu) said today that African nationalism had gripped the imagination of the native peoples. No barrier could impede their forward march, he declared.**

"There will be peace and harmony when side by side with Europeans and upon terms of equality, fraternity and liberty, the native contributes his share to the progress of the country," he said.

"I only hope that white South Africa will take stock of its dealings with the natives and resolve to act wisely and with justice in the New Year."

Commenting on Press reports that Mr C. R. Swart, Union Minister of Justice, was studying the speeches of native leaders at recent conferences of the African National Congress and the All-African Convention, Dr Moroka said that native leaders were in close touch with their people.

"Anybody who wishfully thinks that they do not carry the full confidence of those who have chosen them is stone deaf to the voice of Providence", he said.

He asked the Minister of Justice: "Would he, on behalf of his people, accept what he expects me to accept for my people?"

It was the ardent wish of natives to live in peace and harmony with the white section of the population, "but in this venture we will not play the role of the inferior," Dr Moroka declared.—Reuter.

## RELIEVED OF DUTIES

Warsaw, Jan. 2.—General Mieczyslaw Wongrowski has been relieved of his duties as director of political education in the Polish army, the Polish press agency announced tonight.

A former Polish Military Attache in London, he will be placed on the reserve and "directed to political work outside the army," the agency added.

His duties will be assumed by General Edward Ochab, first Vice-Minister of National Defence since last April who from now on will combine both jobs.—Reuter.

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6.00, "Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary; 6.02, "It's Swingtime"; 6.30, "Cantonese by Radio"—Given by Miss Lee Wai Lan and Mr S. K. Lee. (Studio); 6.50, Paul Weston and His Orchestra; 7.00, World News and News Analysis. (London Relay); 7.15, American Letter by Alistair Cooke (London Relay Recorded); 7.30, "Stage and Screen Favourites"—Presented by Aileen Woods. (Studio); 8.00, "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 8.10, "Box 200"—Bert Gillette at the Hammond Organ; 8.30, "The Blue Danube"—The True Story of the Strauss Family and Their Contemporaries. (Ep. 35); 9.00, "Forum of the Air"—The First Programme in a New Series in which Listeners' Questions are Discussed and Answered on the Air. Guest:—Doctor Alfred Crofts, Professor of History at the University of Denver, Colorado and well-known Broadcaster on Current Affairs. Members:—P. S. Cassidy, Aileen Dekker, Len Starbuck and the Reverend Father T. F. Ryan, Society of Jesus. Question-Master:—Norman Tucker; 9.50, Excerpts From Opera; 10.00, Radio News Reel. (London Relay); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.16, "Time for Music"—BBC Midland Light Orchestra conducted by Gilbert Vinter. (BBCTS); 10.45, Dance To Geraldo and His Orchestra; 11.15, Weather Report, World and Home News from Britain. (London Relay Recorded); God Save the King; 11.30, Close Down.

## Opium Board's Reprimand For Persia

Geneva, Jan. 2. — The United Nations Permanent Central Opium Board today severely reprimanded the Government of Persia in its report to the Economic and Social Council, published here.

The Board said that it was constrained to draw the attention of governments and the Economic and Social Council to the attitude and conduct of the Government of Persia, which has not even troubled to reply to communications sent by an international body with which, as a party to the 1931 Convention, it stands in an official relationship.

The communications relate to important questions of substance which will have to be further pursued. The statistics supplied by Persia were inaccurate and seldom complete, the report said.

The Board called for effective national and international control of synthetic drugs, many of which were narcotics or habit-forming.

Control was complicated by the diverse nature of these drugs' formulae and innumerable trade names.

A Member of the Board told Reuter it was hoped that international control of synthetic drugs would be fairly complete by the end of 1950. Only 25 countries had signed the protocol, which came into force in December, 1949.—Reuter.

## Six Main Events Of 1949

New York, Jan. 2.—Fourteen leading American newspaper editors and publishers have picked Russia's development of the atom bomb and the Communist triumph in China as two of the main events of 1949.

Here are some of the others they gave in a broadcast from New York:

(1) The "Welfare States" dispute in the United States.

(2) The struggle between Russia and the Vatican.

(3) Yugoslavia's break with Russia.

(4) The Australian and New Zealand elections.—Reuter.

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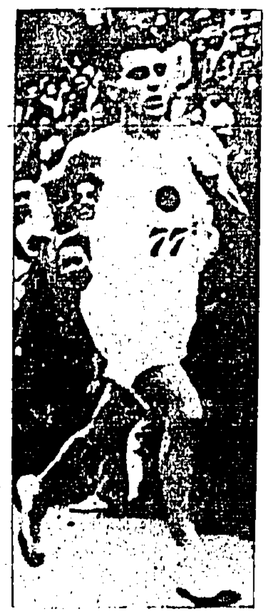


Three who finished in record time in the annual Kowloon Harriers' Road Race on New Year's Day morning are caught by the camera above. Wong Ching-ling (top), the Chinese Olympic Games runner, won in 35 minutes 10 seconds.

2/Lt. E. Downer (middle), of Southampton Athletic Club and now in the RASC, was second in 36 minutes 8 seconds.

Pte. H. Inskip, of RAMC, was third in 36 minutes 32 seconds.

The old record was 38 minutes 42.2 seconds. Over a 7¼ mile course, the first three averaged a mile in under 5 minutes, which is sensational going by Hongkong standards where mile races are rarely won under five minutes.

A noteworthy point was the fact that Army's Small Units placed four men in the first ten. Pte. F. H. Newton of the RAMC was seventh and Cpl. Terence Moynan of the Royal Signals was 10th.—Photos. by Telegraph Staff Photographer.

TEST MATCH

## Australians Declare At 526 For 7

**Capetown, Jan. 2.—Australia declared their first innings at 526 for seven wickets against South Africa on the second day of the second cricket Test here.**

By close of play South Africa were 169 for three wickets in their first innings.

Mainly due to a brilliant innings by young Neil Harvey, the Australians today added 214 runs for the loss of three more wickets to the overnight score of 312 for four before declaring an hour after lunch.

Harvey reached his century in 2½ hours before lunch and went on to score 178 before being dismissed. It was his highest innings in a Test match, his previous best being 153 against India in 1948. He has now scored Test centuries against England, India and South Africa.—Reuter.

## *SCOTTISH LEAGUE SOCCER*

London Jan 2.—The following were the results of football matches played today.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE, "A"

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Celtic | 1 | Rangers | 1 |
| Dundee | 1 | Aberdeen | 1 |
| East Fife | 3 | Raith R | 0 |
| Falkirk | 1 | Stirling | 1 |
| Hibernian | 1 | Hearts | 2 |
| Partick | 1 | Clyde | 0 |
| St Mirren | 1 | Motherwell | 1 |
| Third Lanark | 2 | Queen of S | 1 |

SCOTTISH LEAGUE "B"

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ardrie | 4 | Albion Rovers | 1 |
| Alloa Athl | 1 | Stenhsmuir | 3 |
| Dumbarton | 1 | Queen's Park | 3 |
| Dunfermline | 1 | Cowdenbeath | 0 |
| Forfar | 3 | Arbroath | 1 |
| Hamilton Acd | 0 | Morton | 2 |
| Kilmarnock | 4 | Ayr U | 0 |
| St Johnstone | 5 | Dundee U | 0 |

THIRD DIVISION (NORTHERN)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gateshead | 2 | Hartlepools | 0 |

Reuter

## Egypt To Bid For Olympics

Cairo Jan 2. Egypt plans to bid for the 1960 Olympic Games.

Abdel Khalek Hassouna Pasha, the Egyptian Minister of Social Affairs, announced this at a ceremony in which the foundation stone was laid for a huge new stadium.

The stadium will cover 85 acres in the Northwestern district of Cairo. It is to have complete installation for Olympic sports and will seat 100,000. Plans also are under way for an Olympic swimming pool, with a 10,000 seating capacity.

The pool will be adjacent to the stadium. Special equipment will make it possible to transform the pool into a basketball court when desired. Associated Press.

## Indian Tennis Championship

Allahabad, Jan. 2.—Philippe Washer, the Belgian International, beat A. Weiss, of Israel, 6-3, 7-5 in the first round of the Men's Singles when the Indian National Lawn Tennis Championships opened here today.

Pedro Masip, the Spanish No. 1, beat Rajen Baerji, of India, 6-2 and 6-0 but the other Spanish competitor, Jaime Bartroli, was beaten 6-2 and 6-3 by R. Deyro, of the Philippines.

M. Branovic, the Yugoslav, beat C. Spychala, self-exiled Pole, 6-4 and 6-3. Other first round winners included Felicisimo Ampon, the Philippines Champion, Heraldo Weiss, of Argentine, and Geoff Paish, of Britain.—Reuter.

## *Rugger Results*

London, Jan. 2.—The following were the results of rugger games played today.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Halifax 20, Leeds 0.
Leigh 12, Hunslet 2.
Liverpool Stanley 10, Whitehaven 5.
Oldham 4, Rochdale Hornets 0.
Salford 2, Swinton 2.
St Helen's 30, Hull 0.
Wigan 18, Batley 9.
Workington Town 19, Barrow 8.

RUGBY UNION

Rosslyn Park 11, Fettesian Lorettonians 8.
Birkenhead Park 3, Waterloo 6.
Sale 20, Manchester 3.—Reuter.

## Jack Holden In Record Form

Newcastle, Northumberland, Jan. 2.—Jack Holden, the British Marathon Champion, broke his own record in winning the Morpeth-Newcastle road race over 13-¾ miles today in 1 hr. 11 mins. 24-½ secs.

Holden, who is flying to New Zealand shortly for the Empire Games, beat the record by 1 min. 6 secs.—Reuter.

## KOWLOON BOWL CLASSIC

The Committee & Scribes and the Belles in a non-competitive moment in the annual New Year's Day Kowloon Bowl Classic. The Belles proved they played better softball by winning handily 16-8.—Telegraph Staff Photographer.

TOO DANGEROUS

# AUTO-RACING EXCEEDS ITS OWN CLAIMS

### SAYS CORNELIUS RYAN

***Auto-racing, which likes to advertise itself as "the most exciting and dangerous of sports," now is worried because it has exceeded its own claims—it is now almost too dangerous.***

**There have been 22 deaths of drivers in the USA in the past seven months, including the tragic ends of two of the sport's most famous competitors, Howard William Whitmer and Rex Mays. Whitmer was the 1948 USA Big-Car Champion, and Mays was the American Automobile Association Champion in 1940 and 1941.**

These deaths, added to two stunning tragedies in foreign lands in which racing cars went out of control and killed spectators, have hurt racing, but, unlike boxing, there has been no organised effort to outlaw racing.

The Del Mar track, where Mays met death, decided that it never again would rent its facilities to autorace promoters.

#### LITTLE THAT CAN BE DONE

Racing officials admitted that there is little that can be done about the death toll. Just about all possible safety measures already have been promulgated, but autoracing is dangerous by its very nature, and death usually is the result of even a slight mistake.

"It seems impossible that something like that could have happened to as fine a driver as Rex Mays," said Wilbur Shaw after Mays' death. Shaw, president of the Indianapolis Speedway which promotes the annual 500-mile race, is a former driver.

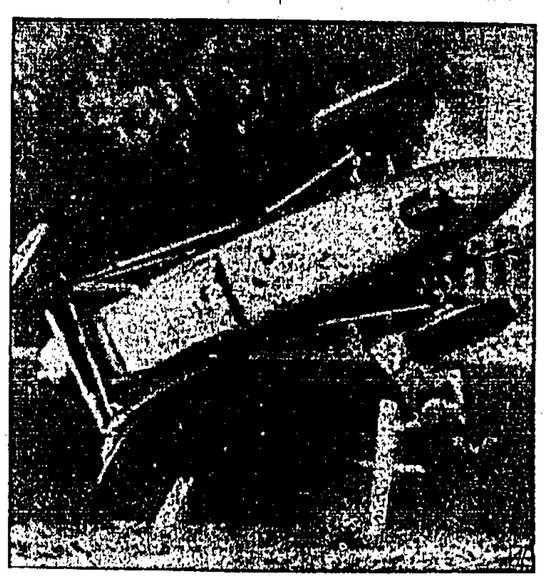
#### EVENLY DIVIDED

The seven-month toll was fairly evenly divided among the classes of racers: there were 12 big-car fatalities, four "hot rod" deaths, three stock car deaths and three midget racer drivers were killed.

This is about the ratio that it should be in relation to the number of drivers in each class.

A "hot rod" is a stock car with fenders taken off and its motor adjusted for greater speed.

Thus it can be seen that even the experienced big-car racers are no safer than the "hot rod" daredevils, most of whom are in their teens.—United Press.



Rex Mays, one of the world's leading automobile drivers, hurtles to his death during the 100-mile auto race at Del Mar, California, on November 6. His car is whirling through the air, throwing him on to the track where another car struck him.—AP Picture.

SNOOKER

## Joe Davis Leads Sidney Smith 8-4

London, Jan. 2.—While Peter Mans, of South Africa, and George Chenier, of Canada, were opening their quarter-final match of 71 frames in the World Snooker Championship at Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire, today, Joe Davis and Sidney Smith were meeting in a key match of the News of the World £1,500 tournament in London.

Smith receives 20 points in each of the 37 frames but he won only one of the six played during the afternoon session when the scores in Davis' favour were 69 to 55, 81 to 60, 80 to 77, 69 to 66, 88 to 38 and 28 to 92.

Chenier led Mans by four frames to two at the end of the first session of their match after a good deal of safe play from both men. The scores were (Chenier first) 71 to 44, 31 to 61, 21 to 77, 63 to 50, 84 to 6 and 72 to 35.

Chenier also won the evening session by four frames to two and so led at the close of the first day's play by eight frames to four. The evening scores (Chenier first) were 60 to 67, 88 to 14, 91 to 27, 76 to 38, 29 to 81 and 89 to 33.

Both Davis and Smith won three frames during the evening session of their tournament match for Davis to lead by eight frames to four at the end of the day's play.

The scores (with Davis first) were 130 to 20, 92 to 53, 60 to 100, 83 to 46, 63 to 75 and 38 to 110.—Reuter.

# GOALKEEPER AT WORK—No. 1

## Keep off the Bike

### By BERT WILLIAMS

(England and Wolves goalkeeper)

**So you want to be a goalkeeper? Well, there are two schools of thought on the subject. One, that goalkeepers are born not made. The other, that any half-wit can do the job with distinction. I agree with neither.**

Goalkeeping is a combination of art and science, but there is one great essential before we touch on those subjects—physical fitness.

The average fan has an idea that height and weight are the first essentials of good goalkeeping is pure fallacy. The ability to reach and catch high balls is useful, but perfection can't be reached without absolute physical fitness.

So training is the first item. Sprinting to develop agility and strong calf muscles, muscles to withstand that quick leap from a standing position.

Bending, with the legs straight and the hands flat in the floor, is a good exercise to prepare for the quick bend to pick up the ball when it is rolling along the ground.

Trunk bending from side to side gives that extra bit of tone to the muscles so necessary when stretching your hands for the ball when your body is not behind them.

Exercises which call for co-ordination of body and mind are vitally important. In fact, mental training is as important to a goalkeeper as the physical side.

By mental training I mean the study of positional play and its relation to angles you will adopt under certain circumstances—when a player is coming in from the wing, or when an inside forward is racing towards goal from any of a dozen slightly different directions.

Do these exercises regularly and you'll have the suppleness necessary to the good goalkeeper.

One big don't—cycling. I find it leaves me with heaviness in the legs. That's a bad thing.

#### BIG DECISION

Let's take it you are completely fit. Now consider the big decision every goalkeeper has to make several times in each game—when to come out of goal.

Come out at the right moment and the fans will love you, the Press praise you. Come out at the wrong moment and the criticism will pour on you. So here are a few tips that I find helpful.

Understanding with your backs and centre half is the first essential. Tell them how you'll let them know you are O.K. or otherwise.

If I am coming out I shout loudly to indicate I have the ball covered—"My ball, Bill," or "Back, Bill," as the case may be.

Notice I mentioned the player by name. Failure to do that can result in the goalkeeper being penalised. He might be shouting to fool an attacker, and that's an offence.

This type of "coming out" is in order when the ball is on the floor running towards goal or in the possession of a defender.

Now for a warning. Never pick up the ball while on one knee. I've seen goalkeepers do it, and it's dangerous.

I always endeavour to keep my feet together, my legs straight, and bend down to pick up the ball. That's where suppleness comes in.

So often I've seen a ball hit a bump and go sailing over the head of an on-one-knee goalkeeper, or go whizzing between his legs. No, keep your knees together and your legs straight.

—(London Express Service)

BERT WILLIAMS . . . fit and agile.

# *New Golf Ball To Be Cheaper Than Best Prewar Type*

**London, Jan. 2.—News that a golf ball is to be marketed "in millions" at a price cheaper than the best prewar type will be glad New Year tidings to golfers everywhere.**

A Birmingham firm has announced that new machinery has been installed and that manufacture will start almost at once. The price, including the purchase tax, will be 2/3d. and officials of the firm say that the purpose of the ball is to encourage larger numbers to play including those members of the younger school who find present day golf too expensive.

Young golfers in Britain have been handicapped in recent years by the expenses attached to the game. The cost of clubs and balls has risen considerably compared with prewar prices and much of this is due to the purchase tax which reigns on so many goods in Britain during and since the war.

#### 2/6 THE BEST

Golf balls in prewar days cost 2/6d for a first-class ball. There was one which manufacturers claimed to be longer in flight and more durable which cost a few coppers more. First-class repainted and reconditioned balls were in the neighbourhood of one shilling or 1/6d., and this was within the means of golfers.

Of late years, however, golf balls have soared to 3/6d. and even then have been in short supply. Those who know how easy it is to lose a ball in the rough or in lakes that exist on some courses have found the expense a big handicap and many players have had to cut down their play while youngsters have not been encouraged to take up golf in view of the cost.

There is no reason why this cheaper ball should not be as good, as far as wear and tear, apart from carrying powers, is concerned for research into the matter has not been idle since the war.

Large numbers of the new ball will be for export to dollar areas but there is every confidence that large supplies will be available for other places as well as for British golfers.—Reuter.

## FOOTBALLERS LEAVE FOR MANILA

The Hongkong Football team left by PAL plane yesterday afternoon for Manila to play two matches there during a four-day stay.

Among those who were with the team were Mr John Skinner, chairman of the Hongkong Football Association, Yue Yiu-tak, Hau Yung-sang, Tse Kam-hung, Lau Chung-sang, Kwok Ying-kee, Yue Cheuk-yin, Chang Kam-hoi, Ho Ying-fun, Tang Yee-kit, Chau Man-chi, Li Tai-fai, Tam Kwan-kon, Arthur G. Santos, A. Roberts Nien Sze-shing and Tennuci.

#### MANILA BEATEN

Manila, Jan. 2.—The famous Barcelona football club, Deportivo Espanol, won an easy 7-2 victory over an all-Manila section last night in the opening contest of a three games series here. Barcelona will play the Hongkong team on Tuesday night and Thursday night.

Inside right Antonio Sergarra scored three goals for the smooth-passing Barcelona team and his teammate Diego Castella scored two. Centre-forward Alberto Larrazabal scored both of Manila's goals.

Manila made a contest of it for a few minutes in the first half but was outclassed in the long run. The score at half time was 4-1 for Barcelona.—United Press.

# 'No' To Three Important Transfer Requests

**Three top-class footballers—two of them internationals—want to leave their clubs. All have been refused their transfers—two of them by London clubs.**

Best-known of the men to Londoners is Reg Allen, Queen's Park Rangers' goalkeeper, whose request to be put on the list was confirmed by the club manager, Mr Dave Mangnall.

"The club are not prepared to let him go," he said "If it is a job and a future that Allen is worried about then we have not the slightest objection to his finding suitable work provided he is able to put in sufficient training on our ground."

#### HANCOCKS, TOO

Three Wolverhampton players are expected to ask for transfers. One of them is Johnny Hancocks, the international winger. Manager Stan Cullis said:

"Hancocks recently asked me to play him at outside-left. I refused and he asked to be put on the transfer list. He saw the club chairman, Mr J. S. Baker, and again his request was refused. We are not going to put him up for transfer."

Hancocks, who was dropped to Wolves' Reserve team, is normally the first-team outside-right.

#### AND BILLY REES

Thirdly, Mr Arthur Rowe, Tottenham manager, said that the transfer request of Billy Rees, the Welsh international forward, will not be granted. Rees was injured at practice before the season, and has not been able to find a place since.

"We have every sympathy with the player's position," said Mr Rowe, "but we cannot think of a transfer unless we can adequately replace him before we part with him. He may yet help us towards promotion."

Comment: The transfer system, with the buying and for enormous sums, is iniquitous selling of players in mid-season and indefensible. It makes players restless. But the fact remains that contracts are for a year, and as the player is given security for that period so ought the club to be.

BRUCE HARRIS

—(London Express Service)

## BUCKEYES WIN ROSE BOWL CLASSIC

Results in the New Year's day American football Bowl classics were:

Rose Bowl: Ohio State 17, California 14.

Sun Bowl: Texas Western 33, Georgetown 20.

Orange Bowl: Santa Clara 21, Kentucky 13.

Sugar Bowl: Oklahoma 35, Louisiana State 0.—United Press & Associated Press.

## Swiss Beat Dutch At Basketball

Nice, Jan. 2.—Switzerland beat Holland 66 to 30 in the first match of the International Basketball tournament here today after leading 27 to 10 at half time.

The tournament counts for the World Championship.

In a women's friendly match which preceded, Italy beat France by 21 to 18 after leading 11 to seven at half time.

The Yugoslav team is now staying at a different hotel from the other competitors after an incident on Saturday, in which the Yugoslav Government delegate in charge of the team declared that in no circumstances would they stay under the same roof as the Spanish team.—Reuter.

## *Mister Conquest*

# • FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS •

## • McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

### New Convention Is Popular In The East

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

SOMETIME ago I presented Point-Count System of Bidding in Contract Bridge, as written by Fred L. Karpin, of Washington, D. C. Mr Karpin has just come out with a new bobk. In some later articles I am going to give you more of Karpin's Point-Count System, but in my articles this week I want to present to you Karpin's responses to an opening bid of two in a suit. Eastern players for come time have been using the ace and king showing responses to the two bid. Karpin has built a whole set of responces around this convention and I recommend that you thoroughly familiarise yourself with this convention.

There are seven different responses:

1. If you have an ace in any suit, bid that suit, regardless of whether the ace is a singleton or the top of a suit of any length.

2 If you have two kings, jump to three no trump

(a) With three kings, jump to three no trump, then bid four no trump on your rebid

3. If you have two aces, jump to four no trump (a force to slam)

4 If you have an ace and two kings, bid the ace first, then jump to four no trump on your rebid (a force to slam)

(a) If you have an ace king of one suit, and the king of another jump in the ace king suit first, then rebid four no trump (a force to slam)

5 If you have an ace king in the same suit, make a jump bid in that suit

(a) With an ace of one suit, and the king of another suit, bid the ace suit first, then the king suit

(b) With the ace of one suit, and the king of a suit bid by opener (the "trump" suit) bid the ace suit first, then jump in the king suit

6 If you have one ace (and no other aces and no kings), and a rebiddable suit headed by that ace, bid the ace first and then rebid that suit

7 If you hold none of the above, respond TWO NO TRUMP Opener will then know that you have, at most, one king

(a) With one king, first respond two no trump, then bid the king suit on your rebid (if you have an opportunity to do so below the game level).

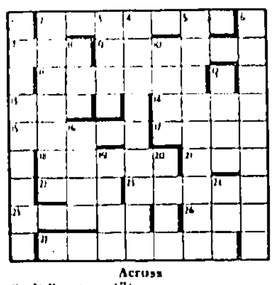
| Opener | Responder |
|---|---|
| ♠ 4 | ♠ 10 7 6 2 |
| ♥ A K Q J 2 | ♥ 9 4 3 |
| ♦ A K Q J 6 | ♦ 8 7 5 |
| ♣ K 7 | ♣ A 5 3 |

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pass | 2 ♥ | Pass | 3 ♣ |
| Pass | 3 ♦ | Pass | 3 N T. |
| Pass | 4 ♦ | Pass | 4 ♥ |
| Pass | 6 ♥ | Pass | Pass |

Opening Lead—♣ Q 31

When East makes a three club response he shows the club ace, and no other aces. West now knows that a slam is in the hand and the only thing to be determined is the suit That is found out in short order. If West did not know which ace East had he might figure on two club losers.

## CROSSWORD



Across

2. Influence. (7)
7. One distortion of time. (3)
9. It makes one pare a unit of current. (6)
11. Hindrance about the little devil proves him to be a sticker. (6)
13. The bad part of a shilling. (3)
14. One way to bend a wrap. (4)
16. After for a change, but not now. (5)
17. Cars in a smash up may provide one. (4)
18. Souvenir. (5)
21. Regard. (3)
22. This light is not artificial. (3)
23. A scientific division. (5)
25. Obviously she's not quite normal. (5)
26. To be thus able is outstanding. (3)
27. Just think what it means to be never growing old. (7)

Down

1. Pure mischief, or is pure the wrong word? (9)
2. Kind of tree in which the head is overlapped with grease. (7)
3. Thanks to me, quite domesticated. (4)
4. Known only by experience. (9)
5. This is what you would call the rorquals. (9)
6. Poetry she adapted for conjurors' jargon. (3, 6)
8. In court it would be love of course. (3)
10. From here you may hear lessons read. (4)
12. Entreat. (4)
16. Its source is 21 Across. (4)
19. This grass is very coarse. (4)
20. This is both question and answer. (4)
24. To the radio telephonist it would be May-day. (3).

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across: 1, Cowardice; 6, Tsetse; 8, Lea; 9, Dryad; 11, Tree; 12, Arrive; 14, Elation; 17, Lie; 18, Done; 19, Server; 21, Buck; 22, Sieve; 23, Thimble. Down: 1, Cenci; 2, Cherri; 3, Oberon; 4, Wade; 5, Acrate; 6, Cerine; 7, Lyric; 10, Leverett; 13, Rind; 15, Attch; 16, Sleeve; 19, Ebb; 20, Rib.

## DUMB-BELLS

## Check Your Knowledge

1 When is "Twelfth Night" celebrated?
2 On what island was Napoleon born?
3 What is the literal meaning of vermicelli?
4 Describe Knur and Spell
5 Why is the lyre bird so called?
6. Who wrote the song "Fairest Isle"?

(Answers in Column 6)

## SCIENCE AT WORK

### LARGEST TELESCOPE GETS FACE-LIFTING

THE mirror of the world's largest telescope, taken out of operation last May when a slight flaw on the surface was discovered, now is "as nearly perfect as possible" and should be scanning the skies again by the first of the year.

Even with its 20-millionths of an inch flaw on an outer edge, the 200-inch Hale telescope last spring reached out into space and photographed a star formation one billion light years away from the earth.

Dr Ira S Bowen, director of Mt Wilson observatory, near Los Angeles, and Palomar Observatory, near San Diego, said he hoped the mirror could be recoated with aluminium and put back into service early this month

#### Flaw Deliberate

"We knew when the mirror was taken from the California Institute of Technology to the observatory that its surface was slightly high in this area," Bowen said. "It had been deliberately left high because we had anticipated some sag when it was placed in the telescope."

Bowen said the sag did not develop and it was then that additional polishing was decided upon.

"Although we believe we have now obtained a surface as nearly perfect as possible, we cannot be absolutely certain until the telescope has been tested further under actual operating conditions," Bowen said

#### More Efficient

"The efficiency of the mirror has been improved considerably by the additional polishing."

Astronomers at Palomar believe the 200-inch telescope will give observers their first look at solar systems beyond our own

The one billion light year photo was the first picture made that would indicate that there are other systems outside the one of which the earth is a part.

(Tomorrow—Book Parade.)

## BY THE WAY

*by Beachcomber*

C. SUET, ESQ., is at present working out a scheme for applying multiple registration to entire categories instead of to individual cases in order to short-circuit the division of each category into its component parts.

The new registration would work automatically, when once the priority rule had been modified in the case of each category, and the distribution of licences would be speeded up by doing away with the preliminary inquiries into specific applications provided that the applications made singly had been included in a list of specific applications dealt with by category instead of by unit. In cases of doubtful registration second applications would be treated as first applications if the category number accompanied the application.

*Conversation in train*

GLOOMY talk by a business man recalled a story to me. Several commercial travellers were in a train. "I haven't had one order this week," said one of them. "I've had none for ten days," said another. "I start off at eight in the morning and work like a slave," said a third, "but I've had no orders for a fortnight." Whereupon the silent man in the corner pulled out his watch and looked at it. "Nine-fifteen," he muttered "and not a battleship sold!"

*Marginal note*

IF, as is foreshadowed, it becomes illegal to have a radio set in a car, the poor bored drive will have nothing to do but watch the road. I wonder what car-drivers would say about accidents if pedestrians had radio sets in their hats.

*Strong backing for new plan*

MR GEORGE RAFT'S strong appeal for "common sense in international affairs" is said to have had very wide support in the film industry. "That goes for me, too," said Mr Bing Crosby. "Count me in," said Miss Grable. "Sure! Why not?" queried Mr Humphrey Bogart. "That's O.K. by me," cried cheery Miss Jane Russell.

(London Express Service)

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Willy Toad Had a Problem

*—He Wanted to Get Blinky a Present—*

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid were just walking past the mush room that stood under the grove of pine trees when Willy Toad hailed them "Just a minute! I've got to talk to you!"

They waited until Willy came hopping out to the road

"You're just the very one I want to see," he said

"About what Willy?" asked Hanid

"About a birthday present on account of it's somebody' birthday and I have to give him a present"

Knarf asked Willy whose birthday it was.

"Blinky Mole's" answered Willy. "He's having it tomorrow I'm glad he's having it, and all that sort of thing, but I can't think of a present to give him I don't suppose he'd be very happy if I didn't give him any present at all?"

Hanid shook her head "He'd be disappointed."

#### Very Odd Thing

"That's what I thought. So I've been thinking to myself all day: What shall I give Blinky Mole? So far I've only thought of one thing. And it's a very odd sort of a thing. But maybe a mole might like it."

Knarf and Hanid inquired what this one thing that Willy had thought of for Blinky might be.

"A hole," said Willy.

"A hole!" exclaimed Knarf and Hanid in astonishment.

"Well," said Willy, "it does sound like a queer present But maybe Blinky will like it What's the most important thing he does all day and all night? What's the most important thing he does all the time? It's digging holes."

Knarf and Hanid agreed that this was right

"But a hole isn't isn't exactly what you'd give somebody for a birthday present," Hanid couldn't help saying.

"It's a nice big fresh hole, right next to a blackberry bush," said Willy "I'm sure Blinky would like to move right into it. It would save him all the trouble of having to dig a new one It would be like giving him a new house A new house would be quite a good present to give anybody."

Now that Willy had mentioned his present, Knarf and Hanid began to see that it might really be a handsome present for Blinky after all.

Willy called to the shadows.

"Only there's one trouble and that's why I thought maybe I ought to try to think about some regular kind of present, like a box of candy, or ice-skates, or a book."

"What's the trouble?" Knarf wanted to know.

#### Birthday Present

"It's just this. If you're going to give somebody a birthday present, you have to give it to him. How," asked Willy with a sigh, "can you give anybody a hole - in - the-ground?"

"Oh!" said Hanid "I never thought of that!"

"The more you try to take it out," continued Willy in an ever sadder voice, "the bigger it gets But the hole doesn't come out. It just stays there"

Knarf started to smile "A hole isn't anything, Willy It's just nothing with something all around it"

"You can see it," said Willy "You can jump in it You can fill it up. Blinky can curl up in it. But you can't get a hold of it."

Willy hopped mournfully back to his mushroom, still undecided what to give Blinky for his birthday present But when Knarf and Hanid went and told Blinky about what Willy had picked out for him, Blinky was overjoyed. "A hole-in-the-ground! The most wonderful present in the world!" And he ran all the way to Willy's mushroom and gave him a hug.

### Rupert and a Mare's Nest 42

Mrs. Bear is horrified at the idea of Rupert going out again so late, but when she hears the full story she sighs. "He's so excited he certainly won't sleep if he doesn't go," she says. "It's a mad idea; so be sure you don't get out of sight of the cottage. I'll leave the light burning for you." She wraps warm shawls round Rupert and puts on his dressing-gown over them. Soon the little bear is outside perched on his father's shoulder, and the owl, who has waited for them, leads the way in the moonlight towards the forest.

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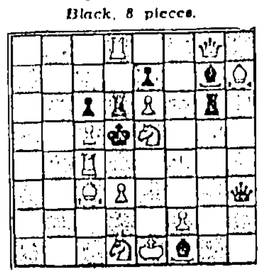
## CHESS PROBLEM

By S. BOROS

Black, 8 pieces.



White, 12 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. P—B3; threat 2, Q—Kt4 (ch). 1 . . . B×KBP; 2, K—B8; 1 . . . R—R5; 2, K—Q8.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY .. By STELLA

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

IF you are born today, you have a personality with many facets. Apparently jovial, happy-go-lucky and of unfailing good nature on the surface, you have an inner life which few persons are entitled to share. In this, you are serious, philosophical and deeply understanding of human nature. Perhaps that is why you always seem so gay and why you can make so many friends and influence people!

You are the type who will make tremendous sacrifices for those you love although they may never know it. You demand very little material wealth for yourself, but would like to have it for those near and dear to you. You will work hard if you have family obligations and must guard against being imposed upon.

A happy home life is of the utmost importance to you and if denied this, you might become a rather embittered individual. It is under such circumstances that the other side of your nature will show—the serious, introspective, moody self which under normal circumstances of happiness will remain deeply hidden.

You have a great deal of personal courage and can face all kinds of difficulties without flinching.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)**—Hold to your ideals; stick to business. Don't let romance interfere with your work-a-day world.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)**—If you want something today, go out after it. Don't let minor defeats discourage you now!

**PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)**—Be diplomatic with your friends. You may find minor misunderstandings will arise if not careful.

**ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)**—Be especially careful in all business dealings just now. Keep your ideals high. Ethics are important.

**TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)**—All educational work appears favoured. Those in charge of work are likely to grant favours if asked.

**GEMINI (May 22-June 22)**—Sadness may come into your marital picture. An emergency trip, however, should prove successful.

**CANCER (June 23-July 23)**—Be co-operative with all at your office and be successful. New ideas can click, too.

**LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)**—Conditions should be favourable to employees today. They should get what they ask for if tactful.

**VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)**—A new design idea, if in the decorative arts, should prove an excellent one. Put it into production.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**—If involved in a legal tangle over property, go slowly today. Caution not speed in deciding is needed.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**—Buying the ring today? You might get a good bargain. But make sure it's exactly the one wanted, first!

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)**—Keep a sharp eye on the budget. Don't let overextravagance get you into trouble.

## BRONCHO BILL

How It's Done

By Harry F. O'Neill

## FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

# CDC Able To Carry On Despite Loan Setback

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

**London, Jan. 2.—Its failure to secure the $5,000,000 loan which it has been negotiating with the World Bank does not mean that the Colonial Development Corporation will have to abandon or even curb any of its 28 undertakings in a score of British colonies.**

Some dollars are necessary, but vital machinery from the United States can still be obtained from the British Treasury reserve, and in addition the Corporation may seek private capital in America.

A hint of this was given by the Corporation's Chairman, Lord Trefgarne, at a Press conference here this morning, when he revealed that negotiations between the Corporation and the World Bank had broken down because the bank, as an international institution, was not able materially to modify its standard terms, and these were not acceptable to the Corporation.

Lord Trefgarne said that there was full understanding between the two bodies and negotiations could be reopened if changed circumstances gave promise of agreement.

#### FIRST FRUITS

London, Jan. 2.—The first fruits of the £14,500,000 development schemes in the British colonies, sponsored by the Colonial Development Corporation will come during 1950, Lord Trefgarne, Chairman of the Corporation, said today.

Adapting a wartime phrase spoken by Mr Winston Churchill, Lord Trefgarne added, "At first a little, then a little more and the third year, perhaps a lot."

The year 1950 would see the first products of a rice-growing project in Nyasaland and of agricultural development in Nigeria. As a result of a fisheries project in Nyasaland, deep-water fish of kinds never before seen had been caught.

#### 28 PROJECTS

To the end of November last year the Colonial Development Corporation had approved and begun to implement 28 projects, for which capital commitments totalling £14,500,000 had been made.

Of 10 agricultural schemes, the biggest were the planting of tung in Nyasaland to produce drying oil for paints and a general agricultural scheme in Nigeria designed to raise the nutritional standards of the African people. The first commitments of £1,400,000 and £250,000 respectively would undoubtedly increase greatly.

Among three projects in Malaya one involved advancing £300,000 for a Malayan building society. Lord Trefgarne said he thought that the housing situation in Singapore and elsewhere in Malaya must be "the most desperate in the world."

Lord Trefgarne said that hundreds of projects were submitted for the consideration of the Corporation. At present 51 schemes had been examined, graded as "probables" and placed "at the front of the queue".

#### AVERAGE COST

Those which survived detailed examination and went through would probably cost an average of £750,000 each.

Lord Trefgarne said: "We are launching new undertakings at the rate of one or two each month."

The two essential conditions were that a project should be for the economic benefit of the colony concerned and that it should be commercially sound. The money involved was borrowed from the British Treasury at three-and-a-half percent interest.

Of the 51 schemes "under active investigation and planning," 14 concerned the West Indies, 12 East Africa, seven the Far East, six West Africa, five the High Commission territories, four Central Africa and three other territories. Fuller details would probably be given when the Corporation makes its report to Parliament in the Spring.—Reuter.

## Finland's Trade In Arms

**Helsinki, Jan. 2.—Finland exported 17,500,000 marks (about £27,000) worth of weapons and 18,000,000 marks (£28,000) worth of ammunition last year, according to the latest statistics of the Board of Trade.**

**The greatest purchaser of weapons was the Soviet Union with 12,500,000 marks (£19,000) worth. Other big clients were Sweden and Turkey.**

**Before the war Finland had a flourishing weapons industry exporting more than 40,000,000 marks worth annually.—Reuter.**

## Warning On German Revival

### U.S. Expert Sees Trade War Ahead

New York, Jan. 2.—Mr Jackson Martindell, President of the American Institute of Management said today on his return from a survey of Europe: "Throughout all Europe the sense is growing that devaluation of the Pound is the precursor of an international trade war such as the world has never seen before.

"Judging by the London papers the English grow more careful daily of the pressure of competition from Germany and France and from recipients of Marshall Plan aid in general", Mr Martindell said.

Old and obsolete equipment had been dismantled in Germany and sent to Britain in an attempt to increase her productive capacity.

"In place of the machinery dismantled and shipped abroad both Western and Eastern Germany are installing modern equipment far superior technologically to that which Britain has obtained as reparations," he added.

"The superiority of Germany's technique in certain lines of products is already apparent and can be expected to grow as the months go by. Germany, defeated in two major wars, is likely to come out far superior in technology to any country in Europe or Asia."—Reuter.

## HONGKONG SHARES

The turnover on the Stock Exchange this morning was $110,452.60. Transactions and noon prices:

| SHARES | BUYERS | SELLERS | SALES |
|---|---|---|---|
| BANKS | | | |
| HK Bank .. | 1520 | 1540 | 15 @ 1530 |
| | | | 5 @ 1530 |
| East Asia ... | 108 | | 100 @ 110 |
| INSURANCES | | | |
| Canton .... | 310 | | |
| Union .... | 655 | | 15 @ 665 |
| | | | 10 @ 665 |
| HK Fire ... | 220 | | |
| DOCKS, ETC. | | | |
| K. Wharf .. | 112 | | |
| Dock .... | 10¼ | | |
| LAND, ETC. | | | |
| HK Hotel .. | 11.80 | 12.10 | 100 @ 12 |
| | | | 1500 @ 12 |
| HK Land .. | 49½ | | |
| Humphreys | 10¼ | | |
| UTILITIES | | | |
| Tram ..... | 15.70 | 16.20 | 1000 @ 15.80 |
| Star Ferry .. | 90 | | |
| C. Light (O) | 11.85 | | 1500 @ 11.85 |
| | | | 1000 @ 11.90 |
| C. Light (N) | 9.10 | | 1000 @ 9.20 |
| Electric ... | 30½ | | 150 @ 30¾ |
| STORES, ETC. | | | |
| Dairy .... | 42 | | |
| Watson .... | 40 | | 300 @ 40½ |
| COTTONS | | | |
| Ewo ..... | | 0.90 | 200 @ 0.70 |

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

| | |
|---|---|
| Sterling pound note (per £) | 16.15 |
| U.S. dollars (per $1) | 0.49 |
| NEI guilders (per 100) | 21.90 |
| Siam ticals (per 100) | 20.50 |
| Singapore (Straits) | 15.52 |
| FIC piastres (per 100) | 15.63 |

### CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE Answers

1. On the eve of Epiphany; twelve days after Christmas. 2. Corsica. 3. Little worms. 4. An obsolete game played with a trap, bat and ball. 5. Because the long tail feathers of the cock bird resemble a lyre. 6. Purcell, English Opera writer.

## U.S. Trade With Germany

### May Be Doubled This Year

New York, Jan. 2.—Mr G. A. Gauerke, President of the United States-German Chamber of Commerce, Inc., predicted recently that German exports to the United States in 1950 would come close to $70,000,000.

This would be nearly double the amount of $35,000,000 expected for 1949.

"We have at least 100 inquiries a day from parties interested in trading with Germany. I am most optimistic about next year because everywhere we find goodwill on the part of the American people for Germany, and also the high quality of German workmanship will be a factor."

Mr Gauerke was assistant commercial attache to the German Consulate in New York of from 1920 to 1930.

#### PEAT MOSS

"The exports from Germany to America will continue in the same amounts, and in some cases increase. But most of the gain will come from new types of exports. For instance, peat moss. For a long time this could not be exported because it was being used for fuel. Now the restrictions are off and so exports in the first year amounted to a considerable volume. Special paper is another item, and chemicals too."

Mr Gauerke said that Germany's currency difficulties for a long time were bothersome. The old reichsmark, he said, had several different values for different items and made trading difficult. Then the Deutchemark, at a rate of 10 to 1, stiffened activity. Now, with devaluation, some traders felt that they should hold off to see where prices settle."

The types of merchandise which were selling best were "special machinery, chinaware, optical goods, precision instruments, toys, Christmas tree ornaments, precious and semi-precious stones."

#### MONTHLY DIRECTORY

The Chamber, said Mr Gauerke, distributes 5,000 copies monthly of a bulletin, which includes a directory of firms interested in buying or selling German goods. They include both German and American establishments, he said.

"I have a directory which we have compiled in this very office," Gauerke said. It includes over 200 items which Germany exports here. When people call in and ask where to buy some merchandise, we refer them to the proper importers. Recently, during the sewing machine shortage, we received many inquiries about import. I advised German manufacturers and that helped sales."

In 1921 Germany's exports amounted to $254,000,000.

"We've got a long way to go," said Mr Gauerke," but we're getting there slowly."—United Press.

## New Bank For Turkey

London, Jan. 2.—An industrial bank has been set up in Turkey following the grant of a loan from the International Bank, said by well-informed financial circles to be for $20,000,000.

Announcing this tonight the Turkish Premier, Mr Shem Settin Gunaltay, quoted by Ankara Radio, said that the facilities of the new bank would be useful to secure a free flow of private foreign capital and would also create big possibilities for enterprising Turkish citizens.

Mr Gunaltay was addressing a People's Party Congress in Istanbul.

Among the construction plans mentioned by the Premier were new harbour installations in Istanbul.—Reuter.

## Women Run Own Co-op

Port Elizabeth, (South Africa), Jan. 2.—Women farmers in the Port Elizabeth district sell all their produce through their own co-operative, run by women for women.

About 21 years ago the Women's Agricultural Association started a home market in a small back-room.

It has expanded to a big market in the centre of the city and another in a suburb with other branches in prospect.

Women farmers in the district are branching out into all phases of agriculture and the co-operative sell eggs, butter, vegetables, flowers and poultry.

The town members supply cakes and jams.

The "co-op" usually sells produce at a penny cheaper than the price in most shops.—Reuter.

## UMPIRES AT POLO

Major C. W. L. Way, who will be remembered by many Hongkong friends, is, among other things, umpiring polo matches for the Cape Hunt and Polo Club. This picture shows him ready for one of the games. Major Way is now in Capetown as a member of the staff of Manufacturers Life Insurance.

# *Russian Language No Longer Compulsory Study In Yugoslavia*

**Belgrade, Jan. 2.—The Central Committee of the Yugoslav Communist Party has removed Russian from the list of compulsory high school studies and decreed that in future the Soviet language would compete on an equal basis with English, German and French for student interest.**

The directive was contained in a resolution on schools and education, adopted by the Central Committee at a two-day plenary session held on December 29-30. An official summary of the session, released tonight, said.

"It is incorrect to give priority to one or another foreign language because our country needs students who know at least one of the so-called great languages."

The resolution directed that, starting next September, secondary school pupils must study Russian, English, German or French for eight years. In addition, a second language must be taken during the final four years.

Since the liberation Russian has been a compulsory subject for all Yugoslav secondary school pupils.

The Central Committee also [illegible] social science textbooks to be published for use in Yugoslav schools exposing the "Party fabricated textbooks which do not treat our national history or treat it unscientifically and with belittling intent."

### MOBILISING FORCES

It is necessary to mobilise our best scientific forces in order to obtain as soon as possible our own textbooks for all social sciences," it added.

The Central Committee said "great successes were achieved in the educational field, but it called for an educational system which would produce "free, courageous, socialistic persons whose views are broad and serious and to whom bureaucratic thought is strange." It called for a "persistent struggle against bureaucratic methods in schools and teaching, a struggle for free ideological development based on socialistic democracy and daring development of initiative"

"In that way, our struggle against bourgeoisie decadency, against reactionary and counter-reactionary ideas, will be more successful and quicker

"The struggle against reactionary and counter-reactionary ideas involves a fight against the reactionary influence of the clergy on school and pre-school students."

In a second resolution, the Central Committee instructed Party followers to concentrate on increasing industrial production and strengthening the national agricultural programme during 1950; but it said also that, despite Russian economic pressure, Yugoslavia had "successfully fulfilled the basic tasks of planned economy in 1949."—United Press.

# FATE OF JERUSALEM DECIDED

Jerusalem, Jan. 2.—The Israeli Foreign Minister, Dr Moshe Sharett, said in Parliament today that he did not believe "we need fear any other attempt to carry out the United Nations General Assembly plan to internationalise Jerusalem."

"The question today is no longer what will be the fate of Jewish Jerusalem," he said. "Its fate has been settled.

The question now was when and how the United Nations and Israel could reach complete identity of views on the Holy City. "An agreed solution must come. And we shall strive with all our might to achieve it," he added.

"We are firm in our decision to safeguard the status of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel."

### BASIC PRINCIPLE

Dr Sharett said that one of the permanent basic principles of "all our plans and actions is the recognition of the special character of Jerusalem as a city containing places holy to other nations."

"This fact imposes special and permanent responsibilities on us," he added.

Dr Sharett described the stand taken by the various delegations during the United Nations General Assembly meeting, disclosing that the Soviet representative repeatedly assured Israel that the Soviet stand on Jerusalem was not to be taken as an example of their general attitude.

"We accepted the explanation that the Soviet could not afford but to support the internationalisation plan in principle, but we hoped that friendship with Israel would bring the Soviet Union to recognise the justice and inevitability of our stand," Dr Sharett said.

He did not mention negotiations with Jordan, but Opposition Members were likely to raise the question during the debate which follows his speech.

Dr Sharett also said: "The position of Israel in Jerusalem is firm and is being consolidated and more securely established from day to day."

He spoke of Jerusalem as the "capital of Israel" and said: "Our guarantees to safeguard the holy places and maintain the rights of the Churches remain unchanged."—Reuter.

## Congratulates Mao

London, Jan. 2.—Mr. Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the United States Communist Party, has written congratulating the Chinese Communist leader, Mr Mao Tse-tung, according to a New China News Agency message received here today.

The letter said: "We rejoiced that our friend, the New China, is inflicting defeat and disgrace on the imperialist policy of the Americans, who are violating justice by their false accusations against our party and its leaders."—Reuter.

# Groundnuts Production Brings New Importance To The Sudan

**Khartoum, Jan. 2.—Brown-skinned, illiterate Sudanese peasants tilling their plots of land with primitive implements are wresting from the scrublands of the Central Sudan a crop which is today much in the limelight—groundnuts.**

Without the help of publicity, with no public money and no powerful interests to back them, these simple Sudanese farmers in the first 10 months of this year exported 11,000 tons of unshelled nuts.

But the Sudan Government has no direct interest in this production. There is no groundnut "scheme" here and the "industry," carried on entirely by private enterprise, is a peasant one.

**The Sudanese peasant works the land, either his own or someone else's, to make a living. He grows groundnuts because his ancestors grew them. He also grows other crops, like durra, his native grain. What he does not want for his own needs, he sells, and maybe buys another goat or another wife.**

The Sudan has long produced its own vegetable oils, chiefly from sesame, but also from groundnuts and various other seeds. But it is only since the war and the serious world shortage of vegetable oils that Great Britain and other countries have had to seek groundnuts outside their traditional sources in West Africa, India and America.

The Sudan sells its produce in the markets of the world. Imperial Preference does not apply to this country, which is a condominium governed jointly by Britain and Egypt.

The big contribution which the Sudan makes to the world's oil seed supplies is cotton seed.

### THINGS ARE DIFFERENT

Before the war the total export of cotton seed was 4,000 tons a year. The figure now is 9,000 tons, of which about half goes to Britain.

In the days of peace and plenty, it did not pay to transport cotton seed to the coast, but things are different today.

Before the war, the Sudan exported 5,000 tons of groundnuts with their shells on—undecorticated, to use the technical term. This figure is equivalent to about 3,250 tons decorticated, or shelled since the shell of a groundnut represents 35 percent of its weight.

Of the Sudan's prewar exports of groundnuts, Britain took none. But of the 11,000 tons of undecorticated nuts exported so far this year, 54 percent went to Britain and most of the rest to Egypt and France.

The crop was worth £E350,000 to the Sudan, which works out at about £50 (Egyptian) a ton decorticated and with export duty paid.

Even India, which before the war was exporting a million tons of groundnuts a year, imported 779 tons from the Sudan this year.

### CROPS AUCTIONED

The Sudan's groundnuts are exported unshelled because there is no decorticating plant in the country. When the peasant farmer has produced his crop, he or his landlord takes it to the nearest market where it is auctioned.

The auctions are attended by agents of the big exporting and importing firms — British, Sudanese and others—from Khartoum and Omdurman, who sent abroad the nuts not required by the Sudan itself.

They have only been allowed to export groundnuts since April this year when the Government lifted a ban imposed because poor crops during recent years did not warrant any leaving the country.

In view of the world food shortage and the urgent need for more vegetable oils, experts of the Sudan Ministry of Agriculture are now carrying out experiments in various areas with a view to mechanical production in the future.

They are setting about the problem cautiously. At present the bulk of the Sudan's groundnuts are produced in a belt which stretches across the middle of the country and where the soil is light and sandy.

### MECHANISING PROBLEM

The principal area from which the nuts come lies between Mahud, in Kordofan Province, to the White Nile at Kosti, along the railway line running west from Kosti to El Obeid. From these main market centres the train takes the crop to Port Sudan, Khartoum and other cities.

Some groundnuts are also being produced in Equatoria Province, in the jungle country of the Southern Sudan. But most of the crop grown there is for local consumption.

In considering the possibility of mechanising production, the Ministry of Agriculture has to consider, for example, whether the use of mechanical ploughs would lay the earth open to the danger of high winds blowing the soil away and leaving only the sand.

"Pilot" schemes are being tried out to provide the answer to this and many other questions. If the experiments are successful, the Sudan Government may launch a modest groundnut scheme of its own, with good hopes of success based on the result of the preliminary trial and error on a small scale.—Reuter.

# Soekarno & Future Of New Guinea

## Must Become Part Of Indonesia

Jakarta, Jan. 2.—President Soekarno declared tonight that New Guinea "must" come into the United States of Indonesia before the end of 1950.

This emphatic statement appeared to be the start of a persistent campaign to wrest the Western part of the island from the Netherlands. The other of the island is administered by Australia under a United Nations trusteeship.

"Before the sun sets on New Year 1950," said President Soekarno, "New Guinea must come into the USI."

He was repeating the Indonesian claim on Dutch New Guinea before several hundred Muslem leaders at an observance of Mohammed's birthday, in the Presidential Palace. The Hague agreement providing for the independence of Indonesia left the status of New Guinea to be established at a later date.

President Soekarno called on Moslems and Christians alike to work together to build a strong Indonesia. He said work and self confidence were necessary to reach the goal the new nation has set for itself.

### OPEN TO ALL

Earlier, in a New Year's broadcast, President Soekarno said Indonesia's riches awaited exploitation, and the country was "open for all who desire to work for development of the country and will respect the measures the country will take for the benefit of the workers."

His speech was greeted by foreign circles who had feared the new independent government would take over Dutch concerns and forbid foreign investments.

The chief exports of Indonesia, which took over sovereignty from the Dutch on December 27, are oil, rubber, tin, lead, coffee, quinine and spices.

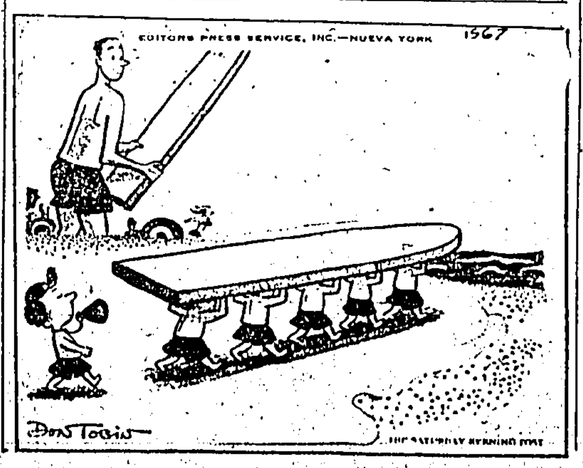
For the time being the USI will have a dual currency, with both Indonesian guilders and ruplas of the former rebel Republic acceptable.

The Ministry of Finance announced "as soon as possible, every facility will be made available" to exchange the ruplas for federal guilders at a rate of exchange still to be fixed.—Associated Press.

## Cycles 6,000 Miles

Lahore, Jan. 2.—Mohammed Irfan, 29-year-old Turkish journalist, has arrived here after motor-cycling nearly 6,000 miles from Turkey by way of Persia and Afghanistan.

He hopes to motor-cycle all round the world in 10 months.—Reuter.




## POCKET CARTOON

*"He says Sir Stafford's employed him as a currency informer!"*

London Express Service.

# Soviet Demand For War Criminals

Helsinki, Jan. 2.—Informed sources said on Monday that the Finnish government had never heard of some of the 56 "war criminals" wanted by Russia, until the Soviet Union's note demanding their extradition was received here on Sunday. The sources said that the rest of the 56 persons charged by Russia with "committing most serious crimes against the Soviet Union," could not be found. They are believed to have fled the country.

In a note, first handed to the Finnish minister in Moscow, K. Sundstroem, by the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Andrei Gromyko, Russia accused Finland of violating its peace treaty with the Allies by harbouring more than 300 "war criminals," 56 of whom were "known to the Soviet Union," and named in the communication received here.

These sources emphasised that this was considered an old issue; it had been thought dead. They said, Russia, in 1948, had demanded the extradition of some of the same persons, but none could be found.

The Finnish cabinet is maintaining a cautious official silence and continued its study of the note. Premier Karl Fagerholm and Foreign Minister Carl Enckell, who poured over the contents until late on Sunday night, resumed discussions with the Foreign Policy Committee on Monday.

Informed sources said that the Soviet note read very much like the one sent to the then Premier Pakkala before his resignation in the summer of 1948.

### "STRONG CASE"

One politician said, "The Soviet cabinet cannot have a very strong case against Finland in attempting to take up such an old matter." Political observers believed that the note was a propaganda manoeuvre designed to bolster the Communist Party in this month's presidential elections. The Finns will vote on January 16 and 17 for 300 electors who will elect the president one month later. The present chief executive is Juho Paaskivi, 79, who is candidate for re-election on a ticket backed by the Social-Democrats, the Conservatives, the Liberals, and the Swedish - Speaking People's Party. Mr Paaskivi did not say whether he will accept the nomination.

The first official reaction to the Soviet note came in a communique from the Foreign Office, distributed by the semi-official news agency Suomen Tietotoimisto. It said: "Of course, studies are based on an earnest effort to do all that is possible in order to secure thorough fulfilment of the peace treaty." The Foreign Office also published an authorised Finnish translation of the note. The morning newspapers banner-lined the news of the note, but did not comment editorially. The Conservative afternoon newspaper, Aamuleuti, said it was impossible for the Finnish government to know which of their (Soviets') citizens living in Finland the Soviet Union considered war criminals.—United Press.

# Eddie Cantor's New Role

New York, Jan. 2.—The radio star, Eddie Cantor, was among 14 men named today as National Chairmen of the 1950 Jewish Appeal which aims to raise $272,455,000.

Mr Henry Morgenthau, Junior, former Secretary of Treasury and General Chairman of the Appeal, said that the National Chairmen were elected to decentralise the responsibility for the drive and to give greater representations to all sections of the country in its activities.

It was "imperative" that larger sums should be raised this year than in the last, he added.—Reuter.

# Implementation Of Mr Truman's Point 4 Programme

**Washington, Jan. 2.—Administrative and Congressional leaders facing the new Congressional session, are largely agreed that legislation to implement Mr Truman's "Point Four" programme should be one major proposal in the international field which will be approved without a great fight in Congress.**

It is believed that the President will place it high in the list of foreign measures on which he desires action in his State of the Union speech on Wednesday. Proponents of the plan predicted little real opposition to its enactment.

In the first place, the programme is relatively small in cost. Approximately 40 million dollars will probably be required for it, as compared to the thousands of millions asked for other phases of foreign spending. Secondly, many members of Congress feel that this is truly a peace-time programme, undertaken in co-operation with the United Nations and with a precedent which has proved successful in Latin America. Some also argue that the development of the under-developed areas of the world will provide markets for European as well as U.S. goods and hence relieve the dollar shortage and help cushion the shock when Marshall Plan aid comes to an end in 1952.

The two bills to implement what Mr Truman called his "bold, new programme," have already received partial Congressional action. One, to authorise the Export and Import Bank to guarantee foreign investments against loss through convertibility or funds, or other risks, as passed by the House of Representatives. It is now in the Senate Banking and Currency Committee.

The other, involving authorisation for expenditure of funds and for sending U.S. technicians and other experts into under-developed areas, has received fairly extensive hearing in the House Foreign Affairs Committee which is expected to be ready to vote on it within a few weeks after the session begins.

Administration leaders in Congress have announced that this programme will be placed high on the agenda of the new Congress, and informed observers believe it is likely that the bill will be taken to floor of the House and acted upon early in the session while the committees are still at work on more controversial foreign measures.

In the Senate, however, it may be delayed for some time because of the Administration's announced intention of giving priority to Civil Rights and Displaced Persons legislation, both highly controversial.

Chairman Tom Conally of the Senate Foreign Committee has said he would discuss this bill with his Committee early in January and find out when they wanted to take it up. There was some speculation that a subcommittee would be appointed to hold hearings on it, so that it would not have to be put aside until after the Committee acts on the extension of ECA and the Military Aid programmes.—United Press.

## MYSTERY LETTER

Stockholm, Jan. 2.—A blood-stained letter from a Swedish seaman in Poland, Benot Eskil Holmerg, saying, "I have not much longer to live" is being investigated by the Swedish Consulate in Gdynia, the Foreign Ministry disclosed today.

The letter, postmarked Gdynia, December 21, reached Holmberg's brother in Sweden yesterday.—Reuter.

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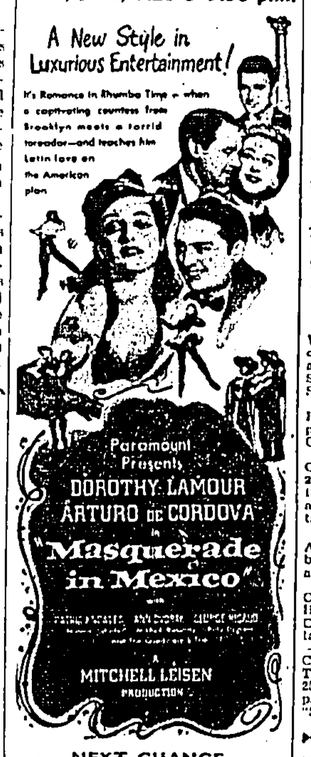


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